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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - FEBRUARY 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for February 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The February price for all types of gasoline decreased 2.3 cents to $1.318. The February prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.260; unleaded regular, $1.334; and leaded premium, $1.438. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and Anchorage and lowest in Kansas City and St. Louis.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased slightly to $1.248 for February. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and lowest in Milwaukee.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $36.086, up 8.0 cents for February. The price for 40 therms was $21.257, 12.0 cents higher than January. The average price for 100 therms was $47.777, 31.9 cents higher than January.

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FOOD (TABLE 4)

The U.S. average price increased for 59 items, decreased for 17 items, and was unchanged for 1 item in February 1982. Higher prices outnumbered lower prices in all food categories except dairy products where three items declined and two items advanced.

In the meats, poultry, fish and eggs group, price increases outnumbered price decreases by 21 to 7. Grade A large eggs led the advance, up 8.2 cents, but large price jumps were also recorded for beef and pork. Rib roast experienced the greatest price decrease in the group, down 5.2 cents.

Fruit and vegetable price advances greatly outnumbered the price declines by a 19 to 4 margin. Very large price fluctuations were noted particularly among the fresh vegetable items as a 24.4 cents jump occurred in the price for green snap beans and a 25.9 cents drop was recorded in the price for lettuce.

Other foods at home were almost uniformly higher in price except for a slight decline in the price for one item, nondiet cola. Price increases were experienced by 11 items in the group, led by a 31.7 cent rise in the price of freeze dried coffee.

Cereals and bakery products also showed a greater number of price advances than declines as prices for six items were up, prices for two items were down, and the price for one item was unchanged. Chocolate chip cookies increased the most in the group, moving up 2.1 cents in price, while chocolate cupcakes decreased the most, down 5.7 cents.

Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 KWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$21.137	$21.257	$47.458	$47.777	$36.006	$36.086	$1.254	$1.248
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	19.922	19.779	45.096	44.746	38.617	39.671	1.244	1.233
Detroit, Mich.	21.418	21.515	46.566	46.809	30.654	31.110	1.246	1.246
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	14.823	14.823	33.805	33.805	42.075	42.369	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	29.973	30.442	65.517	66.925	57.854	55.283	1.289	1.286
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	25.719	25.583	59.676	58.998	39.248	38.743	1.236	1.237
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.850	20.190	20.190	28.404	28.948	1.245	1.247
Baltimore, Md.	23.820	24.230	52.800	53.830	34.980	38.130	1.221	1.220
Boston, Mass.	30.284	30.954	68.823	68.124	38.491	40.727	1.287	1.281
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	19.270	19.560	44.990	45.690	27.120	32.550	1.229	1.213
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	22.696	20.795	52.683	47.911	38.831	39.132	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	23.760	23.760	50.851	50.851	38.586	38.462	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	23.184	23.184	53.417	53.417	33.100	34.750	1.164	1.168
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.314	25.314	54.724	54.724	34.340	34.340	1.211	1.203
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	26.314	26.314	61.620	61.620	15.762	15.762	1.179	1.176
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	22.915	23.060	49.975	51.722	25.909	25.711	1.168	1.169
San Diego, Calif.	17.357	17.357	41.471	41.471	57.167	57.167	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	30.837	30.837	65.007	65.007	12.935	12.935	1.296	1.296
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	25.688	26.210	58.290	60.163	33.716	33.405	1.277	1.278
Atlanta, Ga.	21.510	23.150	48.362	51.780	30.124	30.210	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	21.670	21.415	48.512	47.856	30.142	31.119	1.291	1.284
Cleveland, Ohio	18.493	18.668	40.279	40.984	37.454	37.810	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	19.159	18.181	44.128	41.904	31.572	32.669	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	67.560	61.430	165.460	150.140	62.130	61.780	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	20.860	23.210	47.300	53.160	34.260	32.460	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	19.181	19.443	42.162	42.762	29.362	29.366	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	22.996	20.619	53.121	48.864	31.354	30.961	1.189	1.188
Pittsburgh, Pa.	18.010	17.778	40.514	39.947	34.949	34.949	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	14.289	14.289	38.526	38.526	42.411	42.418	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	27.241	27.521	60.241	60.837	44.702	44.008	1.272	1.264
North Central	20.899	21.174	46.185	46.529	32.235	32.896	1.202	1.200
South	20.960	21.045	46.513	47.766	31.608	31.860	1.249	1.244
West 1/	16.106	16.029	38.039	37.832	35.226	35.320	1.232	1.231
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	27.237	27.518	60.227	60.863	46.480	45.566	1.274	1.271
North Central/A	20.925	20.859	46.546	46.559	33.483	34.464	1.210	1.208
South/A	22.780	21.025	51.329	48.120	34.116	34.466	1.255	1.255
West/A	15.924	15.924	37.516	37.516	36.501	36.640	1.276	1.276
Northeast/B	28.770	28.814	63.338	63.464	37.489	37.573	1.226	1.217
North Central/B	21.208	22.409	44.175	46.956	27.726	27.566	1.251	1.241
South/B	19.282	19.687	42.305	41.556	28.145	28.291	1.235	1.232
West/B 1/	16.460	16.224	39.131	38.426	33.459	33.446	1.179	1.176
Northeast/C	21.770	21.984	46.986	47.501	39.596	39.850	1.292	1.268
North Central/C	19.582	19.897	42.354	43.273	26.220	24.616	1.223	1.211
South/C	21.908	22.035	51.612	52.022	30.208	30.283	NA	NA
West/C	15.825	15.825	37.982	37.982	28.717	28.837	1.245	1.247
Northeast/D	24.898	25.247	55.524	56.512	32.712	34.774	1.280	1.273
North Central/D	17.197	16.700	36.402	35.878	29.173	28.389	1.152	1.161
South/D	23.460	22.179	52.162	53.686	31.177	33.013	1.256	1.246
West/D	18.043	18.321	41.158	42.121	20.442	20.457	1.138	1.137

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
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D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Feb. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Feb. 1982	
	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Low	High	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.505	$0.507	1	3,323	$0.073	$0.073	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.421	.417	30	701	.077	.079	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.459	.461	21	694	.063	.064	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.409	.409	6	193	.087	.087	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.843	.859	3	460	.135	.130	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.623	.620	14	257	.077	.076	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.182	65	1,688	.053	.053	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.594	.594	10	190	.062	.067	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.745	.738	5	291	.082	.086	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.466	.473	21	389	.062	.072	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.554	.506	13	334	.073	.074	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.824	.824	3	57	.077	.077	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.556	.556	8	235	.060	.063	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.617	.617	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.629	.629	34	130	.033	.033	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.496	.513	35	275	.048	.048	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.434	.434	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.778	.778	5	300	.026	.026	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.632	.648	9	267	.064	.065	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.588	.636	4	418	.056	.056	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.478	.471	30	284	.061	.063	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.440	.451	2	369	.070	.071	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.449	.474	3	169	.058	.060	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	1.898	1.754	3	55	.119	.118	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.453	.512	83	297	.062	.059	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.444	.451	20	191	.054	.054	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.544	.501	16	562	.060	.060	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.385	.388	72	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.425	.425	52	350	.109	.109	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.692	.698	1	3,323	.096	.095	8	9,782
North Central	.457	.461	1	701	.063	.064	18	5,070
South	.501	.517	2	500	.062	.062	3	7,290
West 1/	.437	.434	5	1,688	.074	.074	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.697	.704	3	460	.101	.099	21	5,035
North Central/A	.463	.463	2	701	.066	.068	18	5,070
South/A	.561	.544	3	418	.063	.064	110	7,290
West/A	.434	.434	5	350	.076	.076	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.682	.683	3	512	.077	.077	8	2,889
North Central/B	.414	.457	60	609	.054	.054	186	2,965
South/B	.445	.432	2	500	.059	.059	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.449	.441	13	351	.071	.071	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.483	.487	1	3,323	.081	.082	9	9,782
North Central/C	.423	.434	1	493	.051	.049	108	3,626
South/C	.515	.524	6	287	.063	.064	3	4,012
West/C	.400	.400	11	1,688	.058	.058	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.727	.714	5	282	.061	.066	117	2,196
North Central/D	.357	.358	2	488	.058	.056	18	2,560
South/D	.724	.558	6	220	.058	.062	58	3,188
West/D	.408	.416	42	244	.035	.035	97	4,038

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.341	$1.319	$1.285	$1.260	$1.358	$1.334	$1.456	$1.434
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.364	1.344	1.316	1.295	1.372	1.350	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.336	1.323	1.287	1.273	1.345	1.331	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.400	1.362	1.325	1.288	1.410	1.369	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.389	1.371	1.329	1.309	1.392	1.375	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.340	1.315	1.279	1.249	1.348	1.320	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.457	1.454	1.415	1.413	1.484	1.480	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.391	1.377	1.328	1.315	1.384	1.370	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.348	1.329	1.303	1.279	1.370	1.355	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.310	1.288	1.258	1.236	1.337	1.313	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.292	1.263	1.259	1.225	1.332	1.310	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.383	1.375	1.311	1.301	1.399	1.391	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.321	1.311	1.289	1.278	1.336	1.324	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.324	1.305	1.282	1.273	1.338	1.320	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.391	1.359	1.331	1.302	1.403	1.385	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.247	1.223	1.192	1.166	1.260	1.234	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.372	1.345	1.302	1.267	1.386	1.357	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.362	1.323	1.317	1.274	1.371	1.334	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.369	1.352	1.310	1.289	1.357	1.339	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.386	1.368	1.309	1.286	1.385	1.369	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.350	1.334	1.299	1.284	1.363	1.345	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.366	1.336	1.305	1.296	1.383	1.337	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.260	1.242	1.199	1.179	1.293	1.255	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.594	1.589	1.528	1.526	1.597	1.593	1.633	1.628
Houston, Tex.	1.290	1.263	1.233	1.213	1.298	1.273	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.245	1.210	1.215	1.181	1.269	1.236	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.317	1.309	1.280	1.268	1.349	1.346	1.384	1.377
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.390	1.371	1.337	1.312	1.403	1.388	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.397	1.372	1.330	1.301	1.404	1.379	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.369	1.350	1.318	1.296	1.374	1.356	NA	NA
North Central	1.322	1.301	1.270	1.258	1.344	1.321	1.411	1.399
South	1.316	1.292	1.257	1.233	1.332	1.309	NA	NA
West	1.384	1.353	1.311	1.276	1.405	1.374	1.472	1.451
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.372	1.353	1.314	1.290	1.379	1.360	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.325	1.306	1.275	1.256	1.341	1.321	1.355	1.331
South/A	1.329	1.313	1.266	1.246	1.330	1.313	NA	NA
West/A	1.391	1.356	1.323	1.287	1.401	1.364	1.434	1.403
Northeast/B	1.353	1.333	1.310	1.288	1.361	1.343	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.330	1.305	1.286	1.261	1.367	1.319	NA	NA
South/B	1.287	1.260	1.230	1.201	1.309	1.282	NA	NA
West/B	1.404	1.377	1.314	1.275	1.429	1.404	1.504	1.488
Northeast/C	1.360	1.346	1.321	1.304	1.361	1.347	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.317	1.296	1.262	1.258	1.344	1.322	NA	NA
South/C	1.318	1.291	1.271	1.243	1.342	1.312	NA	NA
West/C	1.350	1.311	1.280	1.245	1.379	1.339	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.391	1.373	1.351	1.326	1.399	1.382	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.310	1.288	1.282	1.261	1.346	1.322	NA	NA
South/D	1.336	1.315	1.276	1.256	1.362	1.339	NA	NA
West/D	1.344	1.335	1.307	1.300	1.378	1.372	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose....lb.	$0.224	$0.226	$0.259	$0.251	$0.208	$0.209	NA	NA	$0.213	$0.218
Rice, white, long grain, precooked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.292	1.338	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked....lb.	.545	.547	.677	.694	NA	NA	$0.444	$0.448	NA	NA
Spaghetti....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan....lb.	.537	.534	.613	.615	.530	.527	.494	.486	.516	.518
Bread, French....lb.	.871	.876	NA	NA	NA	NA	.801	.789	.904	.916
Bread, rye, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.923	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan....lb.	.811	.811	.829	.843	.832	.831	.788	.762	.773	.796
Bread, wheat blend, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger....lb.	.830	.833	NA	NA	.958	.948	.716	.715	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate....lb.	1.779	1.722	1.754	NA	1.737	1.667	NA	NA	1.680	1.618
Cookies, chocolate chip....lb.	1.775	1.796	1.763	1.767	NA	NA	1.669	1.668	2.045	NA
Crackers, soda, salted....lb.	.838	.851	NA	NA	.827	.847	.784	.816	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef....lb.	1.794	1.799	1.838	1.833	1.696	1.710	1.811	1.813	NA	NA
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.768	1.812	1.738	1.761	1.793	1.864	1.801	1.841	1.696	1.704
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.580	2.623	2.529	2.592	2.537	2.604	2.745	2.728	2.512	2.566
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.121	3.069	3.181	3.081	3.102	3.044	3.042	3.056	3.202	3.112
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.877	2.838	2.964	2.964	2.800	2.716	3.135	3.099	2.512	2.478
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	2.877	2.917	2.919	3.010	2.696	2.742	3.048	3.017	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.741	1.777	1.707	1.679	1.793	1.899	1.866	1.930	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.616	3.588	NA	NA	3.516	3.467	3.656	3.696	3.542	3.628
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.765	3.772	3.890	3.956	3.807	3.590	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced....lb.	1.747	1.811	1.789	1.837	1.758	1.765	1.691	1.817	1.753	1.861
Chops, center cut, bone-in....lb.	2.195	2.209	2.220	2.221	2.127	2.071	2.169	2.243	2.359	2.437
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.378	1.349	1.460	1.501	NA	NA	1.344	1.251	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.251	1.276	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.265	1.178	1.483	1.526
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.121	1.130	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.163	1.086	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.442	1.486	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in....lb.	1.587	1.603	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.649	1.607	1.602	1.699
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.102	1.094	1.175	1.151	NA	NA	1.052	1.060	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose....lb.	1.717	1.759	NA	NA	1.810	1.881	1.613	1.607	1.703	1.744
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs....lb.	2.560	2.588	2.602	2.669	2.566	2.604	2.499	2.507	2.581	2.580
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat....lb.	1.755	1.759	1.800	1.797	1.718	1.701	1.803	1.833	1.682	1.683
Bologna....lb.	2.082	2.094	2.280	2.300	1.996	2.043	2.019	2.006	2.139	2.146
Beef liver....lb.	1.003	1.016	.915	.949	.948	1.031	1.106	1.084	1.118	.983
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole....lb.	.712	.726	.762	.784	.681	.704	.677	.688	.749	.738
Chicken breast, bone-in....lb.	1.503	1.525	1.425	1.452	1.482	1.491	1.505	1.538	1.838	1.851
Chicken legs, bone-in....lb.	1.112	1.099	.962	.952	NA	NA	1.197	1.160	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole....lb.	.935	.920	1.025	.977	.842	.857	.916	.888	.928	.944
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk....lb.	2.529	2.538	2.524	2.524	2.580	2.646	NA	NA	2.531	2.527
Eggs:										
Grade A, large....doz.	.925	1.007	1.036	1.100	.878	.960	.883	.974	NA	NA
Grade AA, large....doz.	.931	.976	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.960	1.011
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified....1/2 gal.	1.134	1.130	1.101	1.106	1.110	1.095	1.263	1.246	1.067	1.067
Milk, fresh, skim....1/2 gal.	.988	.996	NA	1.024	.994	1.030	1.129	NA	.875	.874
Milk, fresh, low fat....1/2 gal.	1.072	1.060	1.078	1.076	1.072	1.045	1.165	1.156	1.023	1.025
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick....lb.	2.019	2.029	1.986	1.979	2.045	2.058	2.081	2.103	1.937	1.957
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular....1/2 gal.	2.128	2.075	2.497	2.414	1.919	1.886	2.146	2.052	2.050	2.065
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored....1/2 pt.	NA	NA	.455	.530	.547	.552	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious...1lb.	$0.639	$0.645	$0.623	$0.605	$0.637	$0.658	$0.673	$0.672	$0.622	$0.648
Bananas...1lb.	.364	.359	.356	.355	.361	.334	.378	.380	.362	.367
Oranges, navel...1lb.	.402	.425	.404	.454	.385	.431	.459	.448	.366	.369
Oranges, Valencia...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit...1lb.	.337	.373	.323	.344	.338	.365	.325	.362	.382	.465
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay...1lb.	1.037	1.163	1.038	NA	1.129	NA	1.071	1.130	.923	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons...1lb.	.677	.651	.663	.610	.765	.753	.672	.670	.647	.638
Peaches...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou...1lb.	.556	.584	.540	.500	.574	.571	.589	.617	.514	.530
Strawberries, dry pint...12oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, white...1lb.	.195	.204	.181	.192	.194	.205	.200	.216	.211	.207
Lettuce, iceberg...1lb.	.968	.709	1.012	.783	.980	.681	.877	.718	1.016	.650
Tomatoes, field grown...1lb.	.763	.901	.718	.914	.829	.929	.721	.899	.819	.855
Beans, green, snap...1lb.	.935	1.179	1.008	1.052	NA	NA	.913	1.046	.904	1.430
Cabbage...1lb.	.260	.343	.246	.321	.287	.363	.252	.349	.255	.339
Carrots, short trimmed and topped...1lb.	.375	.418	.382	.416	.417	.436	.379	.420	.320	.398
Celery...1lb.	.490	.531	.512	.553	.480	.553	.561	.556	.427	.472
Corn on the cob...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.561	NA	NA	NA
Cucumbers...1lb.	.647	.758	.687	.740	.602	.736	.698	.809	.613	.771
Mushrooms...1lb.	1.864	1.880	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.340	2.388
Onions, dry yellow...1lb.	.367	.404	.321	.352	.369	.365	.390	.435	.400	.466
Onions, green (scallions)...1lb.	1.390	1.458	NA	NA	1.496	1.712	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet...1lb.	.852	.972	.750	.889	.935	.999	.918	1.121	.836	.910
Radishes...1lb.	.879	.919	.954	1.129	.828	.809	.902	1.055	.878	.849
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can...16oz.	1.469	1.537	1.558	1.630	1.425	1.511	1.368	1.397	1.574	1.655
Potatoes, frozen, French fried...1lb.	.668	.668	NA	NA	.670	.668	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole...1lb.	.554	.550	NA	NA	.554	.553	.561	.561	NA	NA
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid...1lb.	1.763	1.795	1.687	NA	1.620	1.623	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes...1lb.	.327	.339	.385	.390	.297	.311	.323	.335	.325	.342
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg...1lb.	.317	.327	.359	.364	.294	.309	.305	.314	.312	.325
Jelly...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs...1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends...1lb.	.789	.791	.876	.894	.783	.784	.756	.744	.740	.746
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk...16oz.	.275	.273	.274	.270	.261	.256	.275	.282	.314	.308
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.291	.292
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk...16oz.	.481	.486	.481	.493	.488	.484	.472	.471	.486	.501
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes...1lb.	2.475	2.552	2.383	2.469	2.530	2.603	2.482	2.575	2.501	2.518
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can...1lb.	2.480	2.594	2.408	2.482	2.585	2.767	2.420	2.536	2.530	2.550
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz...16oz.	6.622	6.740	NA	NA	6.614	6.842	6.510	6.553	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz...16oz.	10.314	10.631	NA	NA	10.284	10.630	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips...16oz.	2.380	2.413	2.408	2.482	2.252	2.258	2.428	2.441	2.510	2.540
Pork and beans, canned...16oz.	.430	.432	NA	NA	.441	.432	.411	.413	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - MARCH 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for March 1982. These average prices are collected in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The March price for all types of gasoline decreased 5 cents to $1.268. The March prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.206; unleaded regular, $1.284; and leaded premium, $1.407. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and Anchorage and lowest in Kansas City and St. Louis.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased 4 cents to $1.208 for March. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and lowest in Milwaukee and Northeast Pennsylvania.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $36.741 in March, up 65.5 cents from February. The price for 40 therms was $22.516, $1.259 higher than February. The average price for 100 therms was $50.867, $3.09 higher than February.

FOOD (Table 4)

Price declines outnumbered price advances as the U.S. average price was lower for 45 food items and higher for 31 items. The most significant price reductions occurred within the fruits and vegetables group where 15 items were lower in price as opposed to seven items which rose in price. Green onions led the price decline, down 23.3 cents. The most notable price advance for the group was for sweet peppers, up 14.2 cents.

The meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category showed slightly more price decreases than increases as 15 items moved lower and 13 items were higher. Porterhouse steak showed the sharpest price drop, down 6.1 cents, while round steak experienced the greatest price rise, up 6.4 cents.

Price declines for four items outnumbered the one price increase in the dairy products group. The average price for skim milk led the decreases with a 3.1 cent decline. A 1.1 cent rise in the price of butter was the only higher price recorded for this category.

Cereal and bakery products experienced slightly more price decreases than increases as five items were lower in price and four items were higher. The 6.5 cent fall in the price for chocolate chip cookies marked the sharpest decline while a 6.6 cent jump in the price for chocolate cupcakes was the greatest increase.

Price changes for other foods at home were evenly balanced with six items higher and six items lower. Hard candy led all price increases, up 7.6 cents, and freeze dried coffee led the decreases, down 6.2 cents.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 KWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$21.257	$22.516	$47.777	$50.867	$36.086	$36.741	$1.248	$1.208
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	19.779	20.155	44.746	45.686	39.671	40.322	1.233	1.213
Detroit, Mich.	21.515	22.014	46.809	48.055	31.110	33.408	1.246	1.223
L.A.-Long Beach, Ananeim, Calif.	14.823	14.763	33.805	33.879	42.369	42.425	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	30.442	30.584	66.925	67.274	55.283	56.346	1.286	1.243
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	25.583	26.529	58.998	61.354	38.743	39.746	1.237	1.199
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.850	20.190	20.190	28.348	28.490	1.247	1.246
Baltimore, Md.	24.230	24.590	53.830	54.720	38.130	38.560	1.220	1.189
Boston, Mass.	30.954	32.210	68.124	71.733	40.727	41.721	1.281	1.249
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	19.560	20.960	45.690	47.870	32.550	32.550	1.213	1.182
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	20.795	20.912	47.311	48.198	39.132	37.993	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	23.760	23.760	50.851	50.851	38.462	38.630	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	23.164	23.108	53.417	53.276	34.750	34.000	1.168	1.150
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.314	25.314	54.724	54.724	34.340	34.340	1.203	1.154
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	26.314	26.314	61.620	61.620	15.762	15.762	1.176	1.173
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	23.060	24.560	51.722	55.473	25.711	25.711	1.169	1.157
San Diego, Calif.	17.357	17.357	41.471	41.471	57.167	57.167	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	30.837	30.837	65.007	65.007	12.935	12.935	1.296	1.284
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	26.210	28.696	60.163	62.844	33.405	33.530	1.278	1.245
Atlanta, Ga.	23.150	23.160	51.780	51.770	30.210	30.500	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	21.415	24.015	47.856	54.311	31.119	33.006	1.284	1.248
Cleveland, Ohio	18.668	18.697	40.984	41.056	37.810	37.845	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	18.181	19.151	41.904	43.995	32.669	34.037	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	61.430	62.970	150.140	148.420	61.780	61.690	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	53.160	53.160	32.460	38.460	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	19.443	19.583	42.762	43.071	29.346	29.378	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	20.619	20.619	48.864	48.863	30.961	31.141	1.188	1.166
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.778	17.784	39.947	39.968	34.949	34.949	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	14.289	14.289	38.526	38.526	42.418	41.557	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	27.521	28.603	60.832	63.814	44.008	44.861	1.264	1.216
North Central	21.124	21.651	46.529	47.814	32.896	33.608	1.200	1.167
South	21.045	22.453	47.766	51.109	31.860	33.162	1.244	1.220
West 1/	16.029	16.232	37.832	38.916	35.320	35.055	1.231	1.223
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	27.518	27.960	60.863	61.983	45.566	46.566	1.271	1.231
North Central/A	20.859	21.311	46.559	47.619	34.464	35.106	1.208	1.186
South/A	21.025	23.835	48.120	53.659	34.466	36.280	1.255	1.224
West/A	15.924	16.290	37.516	39.366	36.640	36.460	1.276	1.265
Northeast/B	28.814	26.585	63.466	59.055	37.573	37.743	1.217	1.171
North Central/B	22.409	23.359	46.956	49.632	27.566	28.125	1.241	1.199
South/B	19.687	18.490	41.556	41.844	28.291	28.911	1.232	1.194
West/B 1/	16.224	16.170	38.426	38.365	33.446	32.947	1.176	1.173
Northeast/C	21.984	35.897	47.501	84.056	39.850	40.562	1.268	1.214
North Central/C	19.897	20.274	43.273	44.220	24.616	26.556	1.211	1.157
South/C	22.035	22.280	52.022	52.534	30.283	31.259	NA	NA
West/C	15.825	15.825	37.982	37.982	28.837	28.781	1.247	1.246
Northeast/D	25.247	27.335	56.512	61.464	34.774	35.056	1.273	1.232
North Central/D	16.700	20.977	35.878	44.876	28.389	29.920	1.161	1.116
South/D	22.179	22.742	53.686	55.041	33.013	32.672	1.246	1.238
West/D	18.321	18.506	42.121	42.503	20.457	20.561	1.137	1.125

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 385,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Mar. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Mar. 1982	
	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Low	High	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.507	$0.536	1	1,688	$0.073	$0.075	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.417	.426	30	701	.079	.081	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.461	.474	21	694	.064	.068	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.409	.385	9	352	.087	.087	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.859	.864	3	460	.130	.134	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.620	.643	14	457	.076	.079	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.182	65	1,688	.053	.054	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.594	.603	10	190	.067	.068	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.738	.766	5	291	.086	.088	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.473	.504	21	389	.072	.072	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.506	.509	13	334	.074	.072	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.824	.824	3	52	.077	.077	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.556	.555	8	235	.063	.066	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.617	.631	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.629	.629	34	130	.033	.033	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.513	.553	35	275	.048	.048	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.434	.434	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.778	.737	5	300	.026	.026	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.648	.664	5	182	.065	.065	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.636	.637	4	418	.056	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.471	.535	30	284	.063	.066	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.451	.456	2	369	.071	.071	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.474	.485	3	169	.060	.063	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	1.754	1.989	3	55	.118	.118	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.512	.512	83	297	.059	.071	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.451	.454	20	191	.054	.054	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.501	.501	16	562	.060	.060	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.388	.389	72	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.425	.425	52	350	.109	.105	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.698	.736	3	460	.095	.097	8	9,782
North Central	.461	.473	1	701	.064	.066	18	5,070
South	.517	.542	2	500	.062	.065	3	7,290
West 1/	.434	.431	5	1,688	.074	.073	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.704	.715	3	460	.099	.102	21	5,035
North Central/A	.463	.474	2	701	.068	.069	18	5,070
South/A	.544	.585	3	418	.064	.068	110	7,290
West/A	.434	.439	5	352	.076	.076	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.683	.664	3	218	.077	.078	8	2,889
North Central/B	.457	.481	60	609	.054	.055	186	2,965
South/B	.432	.411	2	500	.059	.060	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.441	.426	13	334	.071	.069	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.487	1.027	5	306	.082	.083	9	9,782
North Central/C	.434	.444	1	493	.049	.052	108	3,626
South/C	.524	.533	6	286	.064	.065	3	4,012
West/C	.400	.400	11	1,688	.058	.058	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.714	.769	5	282	.066	.066	117	2,196
North Central/D	.356	.450	43	485	.056	.059	18	2,560
South/D	.558	.572	6	320	.062	.061	58	3,188
West/D	.416	.426	18	241	.035	.035	97	4,038

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 385,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.318	$1.268	$1.260	$1.206	$1.334	$1.284	$1.438	$1.407
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.344	1.290	1.295	1.238	1.350	1.297	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.323	1.267	1.273	1.217	1.331	1.272	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.362	1.313	1.288	1.231	1.369	1.319	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.371	1.316	1.308	1.250	1.375	1.317	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.315	1.266	1.249	1.194	1.320	1.273	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.454	1.451	1.413	1.416	1.480	1.472	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.377	1.337	1.315	1.281	1.370	1.330	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.329	1.279	1.279	1.235	1.355	1.294	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.288	1.253	1.236	1.200	1.313	1.280	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.263	1.197	1.225	1.162	1.310	1.238	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.375	1.353	1.301	1.281	1.391	1.367	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.311	1.262	1.278	1.228	1.324	1.275	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.305	1.242	1.273	1.212	1.320	1.255	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.359	1.304	1.302	1.251	1.385	1.322	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.223	1.149	1.166	1.086	1.234	1.161	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.345	1.303	1.267	1.222	1.357	1.316	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.323	1.275	1.274	1.224	1.334	1.284	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.352	1.309	1.289	1.248	1.339	1.291	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.368	1.313	1.286	1.229	1.369	1.312	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.334	1.284	1.294	1.237	1.345	1.297	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.336	1.311	1.296	1.275	1.337	1.313	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.242	1.191	1.179	1.125	1.255	1.204	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.589	1.568	1.524	1.498	1.593	1.572	1.628	1.611
Houston, Tex.	1.263	1.201	1.213	1.147	1.273	1.210	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.210	1.147	1.181	1.115	1.236	1.177	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.309	1.252	1.268	1.208	1.346	1.289	1.377	1.335
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.371	1.329	1.312	1.272	1.388	1.342	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.372	1.315	1.301	1.241	1.379	1.324	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.350	1.299	1.296	1.241	1.356	1.304	NA	NA
North Central	1.301	1.249	1.258	1.206	1.321	1.268	1.399	1.373
South	1.292	1.243	1.233	1.179	1.309	1.261	NA	NA
West	1.353	1.303	1.276	1.221	1.374	1.323	1.451	1.416
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.353	1.301	1.290	1.236	1.360	1.306	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.306	1.252	1.256	1.199	1.321	1.267	1.331	1.312
South/A	1.313	1.267	1.246	1.199	1.313	1.265	NA	NA
West/A	1.356	1.306	1.287	1.231	1.364	1.314	1.403	1.370
Northeast/B	1.333	1.286	1.288	1.229	1.343	1.298	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.305	1.262	1.261	1.219	1.319	1.273	NA	NA
South/B	1.260	1.212	1.201	1.146	1.282	1.238	NA	NA
West/B	1.377	1.327	1.275	1.222	1.404	1.351	1.488	1.455
Northeast/C	1.346	1.299	1.304	1.255	1.347	1.301	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.294	1.244	1.258	1.209	1.322	1.269	NA	NA
South/C	1.291	1.236	1.243	1.183	1.312	1.263	NA	NA
West/C	1.311	1.258	1.245	1.187	1.339	1.287	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.373	1.317	1.326	1.272	1.382	1.317	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.288	1.236	1.261	1.208	1.322	1.269	NA	NA
South/D	1.315	1.270	1.256	1.205	1.339	1.293	NA	NA
West/D	1.335	1.290	1.300	1.254	1.372	1.328	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose.....lb.	$0.226	$0.223	$0.251	$0.254	$0.209	$0.205	NA	NA	$0.218	$0.217
Rice, white, long grain, precooked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.338	1.334	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked.....lb.	.547	.516	.694	.677	NA	NA	$0.448	$0.437	NA	.494
Spaghetti.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan.....lb.	.534	.526	.615	.615	.527	.521	.486	.480	.518	.504
Bread, French.....lb.	.876	.890	NA	NA	NA	NA	.789	.803	.916	.963
Bread, rye, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.924	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan.....lb.	.811	.826	.843	.850	.831	.845	.762	.783	.796	.821
Bread, wheat blend, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger.....lb.	.833	.836	NA	NA	.948	1.018	.716	.723	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate.....lb.	1.722	1.788	NA	1.713	1.667	1.718	NA	NA	1.618	1.850
Cookies, chocolate chip.....lb.	1.796	1.731	1.767	1.837	NA	NA	1.668	1.626	NA	1.757
Crackers, soda, salted.....lb.	.851	.836	NA	NA	.847	.829	.816	.799	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef.....lb.	1.799	1.767	1.833	1.810	1.710	1.703	1.813	1.828	NA	1.700
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.812	1.766	1.761	1.696	1.864	1.838	1.841	1.820	1.704	1.637
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.623	2.609	2.592	2.525	2.604	2.539	2.728	2.793	2.566	2.643
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.069	3.071	3.091	3.181	3.044	2.981	3.056	3.045	3.112	3.093
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.838	2.902	2.964	2.921	2.716	2.774	3.099	3.229	2.478	2.594
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	2.917	2.918	3.010	2.894	2.742	2.807	3.017	3.096	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.777	1.824	1.679	1.807	1.899	1.816	1.930	1.930	NA	NA
Steak, T-bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.588	3.609	NA	NA	3.467	3.592	3.696	3.809	3.628	3.473
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.772	3.711	3.956	3.928	3.596	3.668	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced.....lb.	1.811	1.824	1.837	1.846	1.765	1.746	1.817	1.834	1.861	1.915
Chops, center cut, bone-in.....lb.	2.209	2.179	2.221	2.155	2.071	2.050	2.243	2.205	2.437	2.406
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.349	1.395	1.501	1.444	NA	NA	1.251	1.336	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.276	1.308	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.178	1.276	1.526	1.543
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.130	1.147	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.086	1.221	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.486	1.479	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in.....lb.	1.603	1.615	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.607	1.669	1.699	1.751
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.094	1.079	1.151	1.089	NA	NA	1.060	1.077	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose.....lb.	1.759	1.787	NA	NA	1.881	1.879	1.607	1.687	1.744	1.781
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs.....lb.	2.588	2.568	2.669	2.693	2.604	2.559	2.507	2.544	2.580	2.483
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat.....lb.	1.759	1.743	1.797	1.781	1.701	1.727	1.833	1.780	1.683	1.675
Bologna.....lb.	2.094	2.146	2.300	2.326	2.043	2.028	2.006	2.107	2.146	2.263
Beef liver.....lb.	1.016	1.046	.949	1.066	1.031	1.006	1.084	1.069	.983	1.059
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole.....lb.	.726	.715	.784	.763	.704	.709	.688	.674	.738	.721
Chicken breast, bone-in.....lb.	1.525	1.496	1.452	1.459	1.491	1.479	1.538	1.484	1.851	1.626
Chicken legs, bone-in.....lb.	1.099	1.062	.952	.928	NA	NA	1.160	1.142	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.....lb.	.920	.919	.977	.956	.857	.850	.888	.924	.944	.931
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk.....lb.	2.538	2.486	2.524	2.497	2.646	2.539	NA	NA	2.527	2.460
Eggs:										
Grade A, large.....doz.	1.007	.952	1.100	1.059	.960	.906	.974	.914	NA	NA
Grade AA, large.....doz.	.976	.924	NA	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.011	.990
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified.....1/2 gal.	1.130	1.127	1.106	1.106	1.095	1.102	1.246	1.245	1.067	1.059
Milk, fresh, skim.....1/2 gal.	.996	.965	1.024	NA	1.030	.975	NA	NA	.874	.868
Milk, fresh, low fat.....1/2 gal.	1.060	1.057	1.076	1.049	1.045	1.040	1.156	1.170	1.025	1.029
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.....lb.	2.029	2.040	1.979	1.990	2.058	2.078	2.103	2.103	1.957	1.990
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular.....1/2 gal.	2.075	2.061	2.414	2.295	1.886	1.895	2.052	2.008	2.065	2.161
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored.....1/2 pt.	NA	.499	.530	.519	.552	.527	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious...lb.	$0.645	$0.648	$0.605	$0.644	$0.658	$0.656	$0.672	$0.698	$0.648	$0.602
Bananas...lb.	.359	.373	.355	.372	.334	.380	.380	.387	.367	.353
Oranges, navel...lb.	.425	.433	.454	.464	.431	.420	.448	.480	.369	.372
Oranges, Valencia...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit...lb.	.373	.352	.344	.333	.365	.369	.362	.317	.465	.421
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay...lb.	1.163	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.130	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons...lb.	.651	.620	.610	.634	.753	.679	.670	.646	.638	.525
Peaches...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou...lb.	.584	.594	.590	.575	.571	.584	.617	.661	.530	.545
Strawberries, dry pint...12oz.	NA	1.016	NA	NA	NA	.810	NA	NA	NA	1.594
Potatoes, white...lb.	.204	.208	.192	.185	.205	.198	.216	.209	.207	.250
Lettuce, iceberg...lb.	.709	.500	.783	.517	.681	.479	.718	.530	.650	.468
Tomatoes, field grown...lb.	.901	.778	.914	.846	.929	.777	.899	.778	.855	.693
Beans, green, snap...lb.	1.179	.996	1.052	.906	NA	NA	1.046	.887	1.430	1.219
Cabbage...lb.	.343	.323	.321	.321	.363	.341	.349	.320	.339	.286
Carrots, short trimmed and topped...lb.	.418	.401	.416	.410	.436	.435	.420	.402	.398	.357
Celery...lb.	.531	.481	.553	.497	.553	.505	.556	.504	.472	.424
Corn on the cob...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cucumbers...lb.	.758	.730	.740	.727	.736	.668	.809	.770	.771	.804
Mushrooms...lb.	1.880	1.856	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.388	2.315
Onions, dry yellow...lb.	.404	.386	.352	.337	.365	.339	.435	.420	.466	.448
Onions, green (scallions)...lb.	1.458	1.225	NA	NA	1.712	1.354	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet...lb.	.972	1.114	.889	1.041	.999	1.130	1.121	1.288	.910	1.018
Radishes...lb.	.919	.714	1.129	.777	.809	.689	1.055	.817	.849	.659
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can...16oz.	1.537	1.552	1.630	1.699	1.511	1.479	1.397	1.485	1.655	1.635
Potatoes, frozen, French fried...lb.	.668	.666	NA	NA	.668	.649	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole...lb.	.550	.545	NA	NA	.553	.560	.561	.562	NA	.524
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid...lb.	1.795	1.871	NA	1.886	1.623	1.596	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes...lb.	.339	.343	.390	.391	.311	.316	.335	.335	.342	.352
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg...lb.	.327	.331	.364	.367	.309	.314	.314	.316	.325	.326
Jelly...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs..lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends...lb.	.791	.797	.894	.891	.784	.768	.744	.731	.746	.808
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk...16oz.	.273	.267	.270	.264	.256	.247	.282	.289	.308	.290
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.292	.267
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk...16oz.	.486	.482	.493	.504	.484	.480	.471	.464	.501	.486
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes...lb.	2.552	2.564	2.469	2.534	2.603	2.620	2.575	2.539	2.518	2.493
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can..lb.	2.594	2.605	2.482	2.527	2.767	2.771	2.536	2.531	2.550	2.491
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz...16oz.	6.740	6.691	NA	NA	6.842	6.786	6.553	6.523	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz...16oz.	10.631	10.569	NA	NA	10.630	10.677	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips...16oz.	2.413	2.391	2.482	2.432	2.258	2.219	2.441	2.437	2.540	2.566
Pork and beans, canned...16oz.	.432	.431	NA	.409	.432	.439	.413	.414	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - April 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for April 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The April price for all types of gasoline decreased 5.8 cents to $1.210. The April prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.148; unleaded regular, $1.225; and leaded premium, $1.368. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and Anchorage and lowest in Dallas, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased 4.6 cents to $1.162 for April. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and lowest in Northeast Pennsylvania and Minneapolis.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $36.799 in April, up 5.8 cents from March. The price for 40 therms was $22.917,40.1 cents higher than March. The average price for 100 therms was $51.855, 98.8 cents higher than March.

Food (Table 4)

Changes in average retail prices for food were almost balanced in April as 39 items were higher in price, 34 lower, and five were unchanged. Most activity occurred in the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs group where price increases outnumbered price decreases by an 18 to 9 margin as large price advances were recorded for several beef and pork items. T-bone steak showed the greatest price rise, advancing 15.9 cents. The price for sirloin steak was up 13.3 cents, porterhouse, up 6.7 cents, round steak up 4.7, cents, and pork chops up 6.8 cents. In the fruits and vegetables group, price declines outnumbered advances as 13 items were lower and ten items moved higher. The price for cucumbers led the decreases, down 21.6 cents while iceberg lettuce experienced the sharpest price increase, up 20 cents. Cereals and bakery products were closely mixed as four items rose in price, three declined and two were unchanged. The greatest price advance in the group was noted for chocolate chip cookies, up 5.6 cents. Uncooked rice underwent the largest price decrease, down 1.2 cents. The average price was higher for four dairy product items and unchanged for two items. A 2.8 cents jump in ice cream prices was the most significant change. Other foods at home prices declined for nine items and advanced for three items. A 3.6 cents drop in price for 3.1-9 ounce jars of freeze dried coffee led the decreases while a 4.3 cents rise in price for 9.1-14 ounce size jars of instant coffee led the increases.

Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 kwh		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$22.516	$22.917	$50.867	$51.855	$36.741	$36.799	$1.208	$1.162
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.455	20.358	45.884	46.190	40.322	40.582	1.213	1.140
Detroit, Mich.	22.014	22.105	48.855	48.283	32.488	30.918	1.223	1.176
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	14.763	14.753	33.879	33.889	42.425	42.002	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	30.584	32.950	67.274	73.089	56.346	57.950	1.243	1.199
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	26.529	26.952	61.354	61.406	39.746	39.971	1.199	1.161
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.850	20.190	20.190	28.490	27.895	1.246	1.237
Baltimore, Md.	24.590	25.820	54.720	57.890	38.560	37.870	1.189	1.146
Boston, Mass.	32.210	32.062	71.733	71.396	41.721	41.445	1.249	1.196
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.960	22.670	47.870	52.140	32.550	32.550	1.182	1.115
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	20.912	16.164	46.198	36.256	37.993	36.120	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	23.760	21.540	50.852	45.240	38.630	36.000e	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	23.188	23.100	53.276	53.276	24.000	24.950	1.190	1.133
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.314	25.314	54.724	54.724	34.340	34.340	1.154	1.098
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	26.314	28.190	64.620	66.382	15.762	15.352	1.173	1.236
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	24.560	25.198	55.473	56.132	25.711	25.741	1.157	1.127
San Diego, Calif.	17.357	17.357	41.471	41.471	57.167	57.167	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	30.837	34.789	65.087	69.662	12.935	13.724	1.264	1.255
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	26.896	29.454	62.844	66.563	33.938	33.087	1.249	1.209
Atlanta, Ga.	23.140	23.298	51.770	51.890	30.500	30.441	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	24.015	24.188	54.311	54.748	33.884	36.267	1.248	1.200
Cleveland, Ohio	18.497	18.097	41.056	41.168	37.845	39.842	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	19.151	21.249	43.995	49.431	34.027	34.211	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	62.970	63.660	148.428	150.040	41.490	42.050	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	53.160	53.160	38.460	39.128	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	19.583	19.630	43.071	43.065	29.376	29.362	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	20.619	20.714	48.943	49.108	30.141	30.915	1.166	1.109
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.764	17.826	38.848	40.065	34.949	34.949	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	14.289	14.289	30.526	30.526	41.557	41.557	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	28.603	29.804	63.814	66.626	44.861	45.646	1.216	1.169
North Central	21.651	21.821	47.816	48.123	33.608	33.381	1.167	1.120
South	22.483	22.866	51.100	52.495	39.163	38.947	1.220	1.173
West 4/	19.232	18.095	38.916	38.447	39.055	34.900	1.223	1.193
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	27.960	29.446	61.983	65.616	46.566	47.555	1.224	1.187
North Central/A	21.311	21.537	47.618	48.124	35.109	34.728	1.186	1.146
South/A	23.835	23.331	53.859	54.913	36.280	35.880	1.224	1.185
West/A	16.290	16.372	39.366	39.484	36.460	36.441	1.265	1.242
Northeast/B	26.585	26.737	59.055	59.457	37.743	37.927	1.171	1.119
North Central/B	23.359	23.288	49.632	49.241	28.215	28.842	1.193	1.161
South/B	18.490	17.774	.644	41.593	28.911	29.027	1.194	1.159
West/B 3/	16.170	15.714	38.365	36.996	32.947	32.434	1.272	1.136
Northeast/C	35.897	37.005	84.036	85.528	40.562	39.758	1.214	1.167
North Central/C	20.274	20.311	44.209	44.209	26.556	26.163	1.157	1.109
South/C	22.280	22.481	52.536	54.745	31.359	31.147	NA	NA
West/C	15.825	15.812	37.982	37.954	28.781	28.987	1.246	1.237
Northeast/D	27.335	32.767	61.466	74.624	35.056	35.536	1.232	1.183
North Central/D	20.977	21.023	44.876	45.944	29.920	29.740	1.216	1.153
South/D	22.742	21.938	55.041	53.145	32.672	31.590	1.236	1.176
West/D	18.506	18.981	42.503	43.432	30.561	30.238	1.225	1.190

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NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

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Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Apr. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Apr. 1982	
	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Low	High	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.536	$0.544	1	1,688	$0.075	$0.075	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.426	.433	30	701	.081	.081	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.474	.476	21	694	.068	.063	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.385	.385	9	352	.087	.086	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.864	.915	3	460	.134	.137	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.643	.643	14	257	.079	.079	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.182	65	1,688	.054	.053	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.603	.634	10	190	.068	.066	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.766	.768	5	291	.088	.088	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.504	.547	21	389	.072	.072	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.509	.389	13	334	.072	.068	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.824	.768	3	52	.077	.072	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.555	.555	8	235	.066	.061	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.631	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.629	.676	34	130	.033	.032	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.553	.558	35	275	.048	.048	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.434	.434	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.737	.750	9	300	.026	.025	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.664	.668	5	182	.065	.064	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.637	.638	4	418	.057	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.535	.540	30	284	.066	.073	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.456	.456	2	369	.071	.074	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.485	.542	3	167	.063	.063	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	1.989	2.012	3	55	.118	.119	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.512	.512	83	297	.071	.072	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.454	.455	20	191	.054	.054	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.501	.503	16	562	.060	.060	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.389	.390	72	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.425	.425	52	350	.105	.105	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.736	.761	3	460	.097	.099	8	9,782
North Central	.473	.477	1	701	.066	.065	18	5,070
South	.542	.556	2	500	.065	.065	3	7,290
West 1/	.431	.426	5	1,688	.073	.072	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.715	.745	3	460	.102	.104	21	5,035
North Central/A	.474	.479	2	701	.069	.068	18	5,070
South/A	.585	.617	3	418	.068	.067	110	7,290
West/A	.439	.440	5	352	.076	.075	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.664	.691	3	218	.078	.078	8	2,889
North Central/B	.481	.480	60	609	.055	.056	186	2,965
South/B	.411	.412	2	500	.060	.060	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.426	.410	13	334	.069	.068	55	9,301
Northeast/C	1.027	.965	5	306	.083	.082	9	9,782
North Central/C	.444	.445	1	493	.052	.051	108	3,626
South/C	.533	.539	6	282	.065	.065	3	4,012
West/C	.400	.408	11	1,688	.058	.058	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.769	.910	5	282	.066	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.450	.452	43	485	.059	.058	18	2,560
South/D	.572	.552	6	320	.061	.059	58	3,188
West/D	.426	.434	18	241	.035	.034	97	4,038

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.268	$1.210	$1.206	$1.148	$1.284	$1.225	$1.407	$1.368
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.290	1.224	1.238	1.174	1.297	1.227	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.267	1.207	1.217	1.159	1.272	1.212	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.313	1.285	1.231	1.204	1.319	1.295	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.316	1.254	1.250	1.183	1.317	1.255	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.266	1.206	1.194	1.131	1.273	1.211	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.451	1.412	1.416	1.370	1.472	1.438	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.337	1.289	1.281	1.234	1.330	1.275	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.279	1.200	1.235	1.159	1.294	1.212	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.253	1.197	1.200	1.144	1.280	1.223	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.197	1.119	1.162	1.087	1.238	1.156	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.353	1.287	1.281	1.203	1.367	1.300	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.262	1.178	1.228	1.144	1.275	1.194	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.242	1.171	1.212	1.140	1.255	1.183	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.304	1.265	1.251	1.209	1.322	1.289	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.149	1.117	1.086	1.058	1.161	1.124	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.303	1.276	1.222	1.187	1.316	1.297	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.275	1.232	1.224	1.188	1.284	1.228	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.309	1.249	1.248	1.188	1.291	1.233	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.313	1.252	1.229	1.171	1.312	1.243	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.284	1.222	1.237	1.173	1.297	1.234	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.311	1.252	1.275	1.212	1.313	1.262	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.191	1.106	1.125	1.044	1.204	1.117	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.568	1.508	1.458	1.448	1.572	1.507	1.611	1.552
Houston, Tex.	1.201	1.131	1.147	1.074	1.210	1.143	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.147	1.117	1.115	1.086	1.177	1.148	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.252	1.196	1.208	1.157	1.289	1.228	1.335	1.273
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.329	1.250	1.272	1.192	1.342	1.258	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.315	1.271	1.241	1.196	1.324	1.288	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.299	1.233	1.241	1.174	1.304	1.237	NA	NA
North Central	1.249	1.195	1.206	1.152	1.268	1.213	1.373	1.323
South	1.243	1.174	1.179	1.107	1.261	1.191	NA	NA
West	1.303	1.264	1.221	1.183	1.323	1.284	1.418	1.381
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.301	1.237	1.236	1.169	1.306	1.241	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.252	1.195	1.199	1.144	1.267	1.208	1.312	1.278
South/A	1.267	1.199	1.199	1.130	1.265	1.195	NA	NA
West/A	1.306	1.272	1.231	1.197	1.314	1.284	1.370	1.333
Northeast/B	1.286	1.214	1.229	1.160	1.298	1.227	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.262	NA	1.219	NA	1.273	NA	NA	NA
South/B	1.212	1.151	1.146	1.082	1.238	1.178	NA	NA
West/B	1.327	1.283	1.222	1.180	1.351	1.304	1.455	1.417
Northeast/C	1.299	1.231	1.255	1.191	1.301	1.230	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.244	1.190	1.209	1.153	1.269	1.218	NA	NA
South/C	1.236	1.176	1.183	1.121	1.263	1.200	NA	NA
West/C	1.258	1.223	1.187	1.151	1.287	1.254	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.317	1.248	1.272	1.204	1.317	1.252	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.236	1.192	1.208	1.162	1.269	1.225	NA	NA
South/D	1.270	NA	1.205	NA	1.293	NA	NA	NA
West/D	1.290	1.236	1.254	1.200	1.328	1.272	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensiveStandard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:

- A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
- A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
- B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
- C - 75,000 to 385,000.
- D - Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose.....lb.	$0.223	$0.220	$0.254	$0.255	$0.205	$0.202	NA	NA	$0.217	$0.222
Rice, white, long grain, precooked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.334	1.252	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked.....lb.	.516	.504	.677	.648	NA	NA	$0.437	$0.422	.494	.500
Spaghetti.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan.....lb.	.526	.526	.615	.611	.521	.520	.480	.488	.504	.496
Bread, French.....lb.	.890	.892	NA	NA	NA	NA	.803	.831	.963	.956
Bread, rye, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.924	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan.....lb.	.826	.822	.850	.857	.845	.837	.783	.814	.821	.777
Bread, wheat blend, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger.....lb.	.836	.836	NA	NA	1.018	1.033	.723	.714	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate.....lb.	1.788	1.803	1.713	1.762	1.718	1.702	NA	NA	1.850	1.873
Cookies, chocolate chip.....lb.	1.731	1.787	1.837	1.872	NA	NA	1.626	1.755	1.757	1.771
Crackers, soda, salted.....lb.	.836	.871	NA	NA	.829	.858	.799	.840	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef.....lb.	1.767	1.769	1.810	1.799	1.703	1.695	1.828	1.845	1.700	1.720
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.766	1.795	1.696	1.709	1.838	1.821	1.820	1.857	1.637	1.742
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.609	2.645	2.525	2.540	2.539	2.608	2.793	2.809	2.643	2.704
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.071	3.071	3.181	3.146	2.981	3.046	3.045	3.092	3.093	2.931
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.902	2.949	2.921	3.039	2.774	2.806	3.229	3.210	2.594	2.697
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	2.918	3.051	2.894	3.093	2.807	2.859	3.096	3.244	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.824	1.815	1.807	1.769	1.816	1.897	1.930	1.846	NA	NA
Steak, T-bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.609	3.768	NA	NA	3.592	3.682	3.809	3.907	3.473	3.628
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.711	3.778	3.928	4.001	3.668	3.756	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced.....lb.	1.824	1.894	1.846	1.957	1.746	1.855	1.834	1.878	1.915	1.911
Chops, center cut, bone-in.....lb.	2.179	2.247	2.155	2.232	2.050	2.123	2.205	2.284	2.406	2.435
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.395	1.323	1.444	1.426	NA	NA	1.336	1.293	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.308	1.261	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.276	1.216	1.543	1.432
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.147	1.111	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.221	1.106	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.479	1.417	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in.....lb.	1.615	1.654	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.669	1.714	1.751	1.767
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.079	1.116	1.089	1.183	NA	NA	1.077	1.076	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose.....lb.	1.787	1.790	NA	NA	1.879	1.898	1.687	1.682	1.781	1.746
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs.....lb.	2.568	2.545	2.693	2.644	2.559	2.564	2.544	2.525	2.483	2.450
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat.....lb.	1.743	1.751	1.781	1.727	1.727	1.711	1.780	1.835	1.675	1.726
Bologna.....lb.	2.146	2.162	2.326	2.378	2.028	2.030	2.107	2.111	2.263	2.283
Beef liver.....lb.	1.046	1.048	1.066	.997	1.006	1.031	1.069	1.090	1.059	1.084
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole.....lb.	.715	.712	.763	.754	.709	.707	.674	.682	.721	.710
Chicken breast, bone-in.....lb.	1.496	1.506	1.459	1.498	1.479	1.446	1.484	1.485	1.626	1.649
Chicken legs, bone-in.....lb.	1.062	1.029	.928	.891	NA	NA	1.142	1.063	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.....lb.	.919	.900	.956	.987	.850	.840	.924	.875	.931	.876
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk.....lb.	2.486	2.528	2.497	2.541	2.539	2.649	NA	NA	2.460	2.498
Eggs:										
Grade A, large.....doz.	.952	.896	1.059	.965	.906	.869	.914	.876	NA	NA
Grade AA, large.....doz.	.924	.927	-	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	.990	.983
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified.....1/2 gal.	1.127	1.127	1.106	1.106	1.102	1.103	1.245	1.241	1.059	1.059
Milk, fresh, skim.....1/2 gal.	.965	.983	NA	NA	.975	1.008	NA	NA	.868	.879
Milk, fresh, low fat.....1/2 gal.	1.057	1.065	1.049	1.058	1.040	1.051	1.170	1.179	1.029	1.031
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.....lb.	2.040	2.050	1.990	1.986	2.078	2.093	2.103	2.119	1.990	2.002
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular.....1/2 gal.	2.061	2.089	2.295	2.286	1.895	1.975	2.008	2.009	2.161	2.184
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored.....1/2 pt.	.499	.499	.519	.512	.527	.528	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982	Mar. 1982	Apr. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious...lb.	$0.648	$0.630	$0.644	$0.599	$0.656	$0.663	$0.698	$0.673	$0.602	$0.591
Bananas...lb.	.373	.380	.372	.386	.380	.371	.387	.392	.353	.370
Oranges, navel...lb.	.433	.447	.464	.479	.420	.440	.480	.466	.372	.407
Oranges, Valencia...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit...lb.	.352	.331	.333	.317	.369	.349	.317	.297	.421	.391
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons...lb.	.620	.666	.634	.656	.679	.698	.646	.683	.525	.644
Peaches...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou...lb.	.594	.626	.575	.600	.584	.624	.661	.682	.545	.607
Strawberries, dry pint...12oz.	1.016	.914	NA	NA	.810	.811	NA	.893	1.594	1.069
Potatoes, white...lb.	.208	.218	.185	.199	.198	.215	.209	.213	.250	.252
Lettuce, iceberg...lb.	.500	.700	.517	.737	.479	.672	.530	.726	.468	.662
Tomatoes, field grown...lb.	.778	.664	.846	.674	.777	.692	.778	.626	.693	.674
Beans, green, snap...lb.	.996	1.028	.906	.866	NA	NA	.887	.784	1.219	1.419
Cabbage...lb.	.323	.322	.321	.334	.341	.326	.320	.313	.286	.305
Carrots, short trimmed and topped...lb.	.401	.395	.410	.418	.435	.417	.402	.398	.357	.368
Celery...lb.	.481	.417	.497	.404	.505	.451	.504	.475	.424	.359
Corn on the cob...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.496	NA	.470	NA	NA
Cucumbers...lb.	.730	.514	.727	.494	.668	.506	.770	.524	.804	.539
Mushrooms...lb.	1.856	1.853	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.315	2.348
Onions, dry yellow...lb.	.386	.334	.337	.328	.339	.357	.420	.378	.448	.281
Onions, green (scallions)...lb.	1.225	1.083	NA	NA	1.354	1.282	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet...lb.	1.114	.940	1.041	.776	1.130	1.142	1.288	.958	1.018	.890
Radishes...lb.	.714	.746	.777	.748	.689	.768	.817	.890	.659	.660
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can...16oz.	1.552	1.511	1.699	1.697	1.479	1.421	1.485	1.447	1.635	1.597
Potatoes, frozen, French fried...lb.	.666	.679	NA	NA	.649	.668	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole...lb.	.545	.554	NA	NA	.560	.569	.562	.555	.524	.545
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid...lb.	1.871	1.863	1.886	1.887	1.596	1.598	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes...lb.	.343	.338	.391	.370	.316	.317	.335	.326	.352	.356
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg...lb.	.331	.326	.367	.350	.314	.316	.316	.309	.326	.332
Jelly...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs..lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends...lb.	.797	.790	.891	.894	.768	.750	.731	.732	.808	.802
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk...16oz.	.267	.264	.264	.267	.247	.248	.289	.281	.290	.286
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.267	.262
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk...16oz.	.482	.477	.504	.477	.480	.490	.464	.463	.486	.479
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes...lb.	2.564	2.585	2.534	2.520	2.620	2.632	2.539	2.597	2.493	2.553
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can..lb.	2.605	2.608	2.527	2.500	2.771	2.775	2.531	2.550	2.491	2.579
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz...16oz.	6.691	6.734	NA	NA	6.786	6.827	6.523	6.653	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz...16oz.	10.569	10.533	NA	NA	10.677	10.565	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips...16oz.	2.391	2.380	2.432	2.449	2.219	2.261	2.437	2.375	2.566	2.475
Pork and beans, canned...16oz.	.431	.430	.409	.407	.439	.440	.414	.414	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - May 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for May 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-2)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The May price for all types of gasoline rose 1.4 cents to $1.224. The May prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.166; unleaded regular, $1.237; and leaded premium, $1.379. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and Anchorage and lowest in Dallas.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil rose 0.9 cents to $1.171 for May. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon was highest in Seattle and lowest in Minneapolis.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $36.438 in May, down 36.1 cents from April. The price for 40 therms was $23.853, 93.6 cents higher than April. The average price for 100 therms was $55.435, $3.58 higher than April. The large increase in natural gas prices was due primarily to a seasonal change to higher rates in many California cities.

FOOD (TABLE 4)

The U.S. average price increased for 49 items and decreased for 28 items in May 1982.

Price increases outnumbered decreases by a wide margin for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs with 21 increases and 7 decreases reported. Twelve increases were larger than a nickel, the largest being a 31.3 cents rise for porterhouse steak. Three decreases were larger than 5 cents, with a 10 cents decline for grade AA eggs being the largest.

Seven increases were recorded for cereals and bakery products items, while average prices for only two items declined. Advances for items in this group were comparatively small, with only three being over a penny. The only significant decrease was a 2.8 cents decline for chocolate chip cookies.

Average prices increased for 13 fruits and vegetables items while decreasing for nine. Price activity was particularly prevalent for fresh vegetables where changes for five items were larger than a nickel. Large decreases of 18.4 cents and 18.2 cents were reported for strawberries and iceberg lettuce, while sweet peppers and radishes were up 12.2 cents and 11.5 cents, respectively. All processed items in this group declined.

Changes were evenly split for the other foods at home group where six increases and six decreases occurred. Most changes were relatively small. However, a 13 cents increase was reported for instant coffee in 9.1 - 14 oz. containers, and a 4.3 cents decline was reported for freeze dried coffee.

Dairy products was the only group for which decreases outnumbered increases in May. Four dairy products items declined, with a 4.6 cents drop for ice cream being the greatest change in the group. The largest increase was a slight 0.4 cent rise in butter prices.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 KWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$22.917	$23.853	$51.855	$55.435	$36.799	$36.438	$1.162	$1.171
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.358	20.265	46.490	45.958	40.502	43.626	1.180	1.194
Detroit, Mich.	22.105	22.165	48.283	48.431	30.910	34.615	1.176	1.173
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	16.753	19.278	33.869	54.827	42.002	36.542	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	32.950	32.842	73.089	72.808	57.950	57.959	1.190	1.210
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	26.552	26.584	61.406	61.500	39.971	37.883	1.161	1.161
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.850	20.190	20.190	27.855	27.855	1.237	1.236
Baltimore, Md.	25.820	25.420	57.800	56.810	37.870	37.870	1.146	1.147
Boston, Mass.	32.062	32.216	71.346	72.287	41.445	39.297	1.194	1.194
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.670	22.670	52.160	52.160	32.550	32.550	1.115	1.136
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	16.144	24.118	36.254	56.241	36.110	36.209	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.510	21.510	45.240	45.240	36.006	36.062	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	23.108	25.513	53.276	59.057	31.950	36.970	1.133	1.131
Northeast Pennsylvania	29.314	25.330	54.724	54.752	34.360	34.360	1.098	1.111
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.190	28.190	66.302	66.302	35.352	36.036	1.136	1.136
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	25.198	25.210	56.132	56.164	35.711	35.711	1.127	1.117
San Diego, Calif.	17.357	21.233	41.471	66.589	57.167	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	31.798	32.121	66.202	68.206	13.724	13.995	1.255	1.250
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	29.454	29.172	64.563	63.880	33.097	34.539	1.208	1.183
Atlanta, Ga.	23.200	23.240	51.890	51.990	30.441	30.368	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	26.180	24.035	54.746	54.376	36.267	35.939	1.200	1.203
Cleveland, Ohio	18.697	18.697	41.108	41.108	39.842	39.794	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	21.249	24.484	49.416	58.143	34.411	36.383	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	61.860	67.050	150.660	150.630	62.050	61.870	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	53.160	50.930	39.120	37.930	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	19.630	21.068	43.065	46.726	29.362	29.370	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	20.714	21.107	49.108	49.948	30.915	30.526	1.100	1.101
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.824	17.868	40.065	40.164	34.965	34.899	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	14.289	18.469	30.526	59.822	41.557	34.812	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	29.801	29.693	66.626	66.365	45.646	46.998	1.169	1.180
North Central	21.811	21.959	48.123	48.622	33.381	35.323	1.130	1.133
South	22.866	23.821	52.495	54.517	32.967	33.228	1.173	1.170
West 3/	16.095	20.396	36.447	58.303	34.900	31.669	1.193	1.199
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	29.446	29.388	65.616	65.497	47.555	46.719	1.167	1.194
North Central/A	21.537	21.867	48.124	48.901	34.729	36.798	1.146	1.148
South/A	25.131	26.447	56.813	59.885	35.880	36.372	1.165	1.172
West/A	16.372	20.337	39.486	58.755	36.441	32.328	1.242	1.237
Northeast/B	26.737	26.286	59.457	58.301	37.917	38.068	1.119	1.122
North Central/B	23.298	22.527	49.241	48.339	28.042	30.493	1.161	1.157
South/B	17.774	19.047	41.593	43.434	29.027	29.281	1.159	1.175
West/B 3/	15.714	20.794	36.996	59.049	32.434	30.834	1.136	1.136
Northeast/C	37.005	37.164	85.528	85.909	39.758	39.597	1.167	1.190
North Central/C	20.311	20.415	44.309	44.457	26.162	27.210	1.109	1.131
South/C	22.481	22.348	54.745	54.127	31.117	30.226	NA	NA
West/C	15.812	17.993	37.954	46.378	28.957	28.343	1.237	1.236
Northeast/D	32.767	32.824	74.624	75.046	35.558	35.466	1.183	1.186
North Central/D	21.025	21.968	45.044	47.268	29.749	29.589	1.053	1.080
South/D	21.958	21.959	53.145	53.146	31.590	35.221	1.176	1.164
West/D	18.901	20.870	43.432	48.450	20.239	20.960	1.090	1.093

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Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for May 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for May 1982	
	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Low	High	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.544	$0.574	1	1,668	$0.075	$0.075	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.433	.430	30	701	.081	.087	168	3,484
Detroit, Mich.	.476	.478	21	694	.063	.071	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.385	.549	9	352	.086	.075	14	5,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.915	.912	3	460	.137	.137	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.643	.644	14	257	.079	.075	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.182	65	1,688	.053	.053	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.634	.624	10	190	.066	.066	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.768	.773	5	291	.088	.083	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.547	.547	21	389	.072	.072	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.389	.589	13	334	.068	.072	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.072	.072	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.555	.613	8	235	.061	.067	178	2,903
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.631	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.676	.676	34	130	.032	.036	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.558	.558	35	275	.048	.048	204	3,100
San Diego, Calif.	.434	.561	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.750	.769	5	300	.025	.026	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.680	.672	5	182	.064	.067	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.638	.639	4	418	.057	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.540	.536	30	284	.073	.072	41	2,400
Cleveland, Ohio	.456	.456	2	369	.074	.074	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.542	.635	3	169	.063	.070	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	2.012	2.092	3	55	.119	.118	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.512	.483	83	297	.072	.083	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.455	.492	20	191	.054	.054	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.503	.507	16	562	.060	.059	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.390	.390	72	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.425	.616	52	350	.105	.088	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.761	.752	3	460	.099	.097	8	9,782
North Central	.477	.483	1	701	.065	.069	18	5,070
South	.556	.579	2	500	.065	.068	3	7,290
West 3/	.426	.580	5	1,668	.072	.066	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.745	.743	3	460	.104	.102	21	5,035
North Central/A	.479	.486	2	701	.068	.073	18	5,070
South/A	.617	.649	3	418	.067	.072	110	7,290
West/A	.440	.596	5	352	.075	.067	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.691	.659	3	218	.078	.078	8	2,889
North Central/B	.480	.476	60	609	.056	.059	186	2,945
South/B	.412	.646	2	500	.060	.061	8	6,676
West/B 3/	.410	.580	13	334	.068	.066	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.965	.968	5	306	.082	.081	9	9,782
North Central/C	.445	.446	1	493	.051	.053	108	3,626
South/C	.539	.531	6	282	.065	.064	3	4,012
West/C	.408	.484	11	1,668	.058	.060	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.910	.911	5	282	.067	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.452	.474	43	685	.058	.058	18	2,560
South/D	.552	.552	6	320	.059	.066	58	3,188
West/D	.434	.493	18	241	.034	.036	97	4,038

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.210	$1.224	$1.148	$1.166	$1.225	$1.237	$1.368	$1.379
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.224	1.252	1.174	1.203	1.227	1.258	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.207	1.247	1.159	1.200	1.212	1.255	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.285	1.293	1.204	1.213	1.295	1.303	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.254	1.246	1.183	1.176	1.255	1.249	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.206	1.192	1.131	1.122	1.211	1.194	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.412	1.380	1.370	1.341	1.438	1.401	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.289	1.285	1.234	1.228	1.275	1.274	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.200	1.194	1.159	1.157	1.212	1.204	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.197	1.202	1.144	1.151	1.223	1.225	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.119	1.150	1.087	1.119	1.156	1.187	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.287	1.280	1.203	1.201	1.300	1.290	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.178	1.201	1.144	1.170	1.194	1.212	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.171	1.149	1.140	1.117	1.183	1.161	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.265	1.263	1.209	1.209	1.289	1.283	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.117	1.166	1.058	1.113	1.124	1.170	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.276	1.273	1.187	1.190	1.297	1.285	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.232	1.223	1.188	1.180	1.228	1.215	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.249	1.254	1.188	1.192	1.233	1.241	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.252	1.280	1.171	1.213	1.243	1.269	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.222	1.223	1.173	1.177	1.234	1.233	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.252	1.271	1.212	1.230	1.262	1.284	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.106	1.123	1.044	1.067	1.117	1.132	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.508	1.501	1.448	1.432	1.507	1.506	1.552	1.544
Houston, Tex.	1.131	1.153	1.074	1.097	1.143	1.166	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.117	1.150	1.086	1.120	1.148	1.182	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.196	1.227	1.157	1.191	1.228	1.258	1.273	1.286
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.250	1.234	1.192	1.174	1.258	1.243	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.271	1.279	1.196	1.211	1.288	1.290	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.233	1.223	1.174	1.165	1.237	1.227	NA	NA
North Central	1.195	1.225	1.152	1.185	1.213	1.244	1.323	1.342
South	1.174	1.193	1.107	1.132	1.191	1.207	NA	NA
West	1.264	1.271	1.183	1.192	1.284	1.287	1.381	1.392
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.237	1.228	1.169	1.162	1.241	1.232	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.195	1.227	1.144	1.179	1.208	1.241	1.278	1.294
South/A	1.199	1.210	1.130	1.145	1.195	1.207	NA	NA
West/A	1.272	1.277	1.197	1.204	1.284	1.286	1.333	1.338
Northeast/B	1.214	1.198	1.160	1.148	1.227	1.207	NA	NA
North Central/B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South/B	1.151	1.171	1.082	1.109	1.178	1.195	NA	NA
West/B	1.283	1.288	1.180	1.191	1.304	1.304	1.417	1.426
Northeast/C	1.231	1.224	1.191	1.180	1.230	1.223	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.190	1.231	1.153	1.198	1.218	1.257	NA	NA
South/C	1.176	1.195	1.121	1.144	1.200	1.214	NA	NA
West/C	1.223	1.242	1.151	1.172	1.254	1.271	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.248	1.239	1.204	1.195	1.252	1.247	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.192	1.213	1.162	1.184	1.225	1.243	NA	NA
South/D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West/D	1.236	1.228	1.200	1.193	1.272	1.263	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensiveStandard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose....lb.	$0.220	$0.228	$0.255	$0.256	$0.202	$0.207	NA	NA	$0.222	$0.225
Rice, white, long grain, precooked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.252	1.301	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked....lb.	.504	.508	.648	.666	NA	NA	$0.422	$0.426	.500	.492
Spaghetti....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan....lb.	.526	.529	.611	.614	.520	.525	.488	.492	.496	.491
Bread, French....lb.	.892	.894	NA	NA	NA	NA	.831	.823	.956	.934
Bread, rye, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan....lb.	.822	.818	.857	NA	.837	.848	.814	.767	.777	.804
Bread, wheat blend, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger....lb.	.836	.849	NA	NA	1.033	1.008	.714	.771	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate....lb.	1.803	1.817	1.762	1.782	1.702	1.728	NA	NA	1.873	1.878
Cookies, chocolate chip....lb.	1.787	1.759	1.872	1.884	NA	NA	1.755	1.680	1.771	NA
Crackers, soda, salted....lb.	.871	.882	NA	NA	.858	.873	.840	.851	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef....lb.	1.769	1.785	1.799	1.798	1.695	1.737	1.845	1.852	1.720	1.749
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.795	1.782	1.709	1.715	1.821	1.776	1.857	1.812	1.742	1.805
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.645	2.718	2.540	2.647	2.608	2.706	2.809	2.822	2.704	2.744
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.071	3.198	3.146	3.263	3.046	3.200	3.092	3.234	2.931	2.995
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.949	2.992	3.039	3.108	2.806	2.870	3.210	3.173	2.697	2.775
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.051	3.162	3.093	3.114	2.859	3.085	3.244	3.320	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.815	1.870	1.769	1.919	1.897	1.886	1.846	1.912	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.768	3.896	NA	NA	3.682	3.906	3.907	3.997	3.628	3.737
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.778	4.091	4.001	4.177	3.756	4.106	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced....lb.	1.894	1.982	1.957	1.971	1.855	2.009	1.878	1.940	1.911	2.004
Chops, center cut, bone-in....lb.	2.247	2.326	2.232	2.332	2.123	2.163	2.284	2.373	2.435	2.529
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.323	1.389	1.426	1.440	NA	NA	1.293	1.356	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.261	1.343	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.216	1.243	1.432	1.582
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.111	1.228	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.106	1.150	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.417	1.505	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in....lb.	1.654	1.690	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.714	1.706	1.767	1.845
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.116	1.111	1.183	1.192	NA	NA	1.076	1.048	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose....lb.	1.790	1.818	NA	NA	1.898	1.902	1.682	1.726	1.746	1.828
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs....lb.	2.545	2.596	2.644	2.713	2.564	2.569	2.525	2.558	2.450	2.560
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat....lb.	1.751	1.777	1.727	1.719	1.711	1.792	1.835	1.844	1.726	1.731
Bologna....lb.	2.162	2.183	2.378	2.420	2.030	2.056	2.111	2.149	2.283	2.216
Beef liver....lb.	1.048	1.042	.997	.963	1.031	1.070	1.090	1.056	1.084	1.070
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole....lb.	.712	.720	.754	.750	.707	.715	.682	.687	.710	.735
Chicken breast, bone-in....lb.	1.506	1.485	1.498	1.430	1.446	1.437	1.485	1.486	1.649	1.677
Chicken legs, bone-in....lb.	1.029	1.074	.891	.923	NA	NA	1.063	1.151	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole....lb.	.900	.925	.987	1.031	.840	.859	.875	.871	.876	.915
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk....lb.	2.528	2.470	2.541	2.542	2.649	2.517	NA	NA	2.498	2.423
Eggs:										
Grade A, large....doz.	.896	.842	.965	.937	.869	.800	.876	.804	NA	NA
Grade AA, large....doz.	.927	.827	-	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	.983	.873
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified....1/2 gal.	1.127	1.129	1.106	1.105	1.103	1.116	1.241	1.244	1.059	1.051
Milk, fresh, skim....1/2 gal.	.983	.969	NA	NA	1.008	.991	NA	NA	.879	.860
Milk, fresh, low fat....1/2 gal.	1.065	1.058	1.058	1.061	1.051	1.045	1.179	1.164	1.031	1.022
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick....lb.	2.050	2.054	1.986	1.987	2.093	2.105	2.119	2.124	2.002	2.002
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular....1/2 gal.	2.089	2.043	2.286	2.307	1.975	1.861	2.009	1.994	2.184	2.151
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored....1/2 pt.	.499	.495	.512	.499	.528	.526	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982	Apr. 1982	May 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious....lb.	$0.630	$0.667	$0.599	$0.639	$0.663	$0.673	$0.673	$0.710	$0.591	$0.648
Bananas....lb.	.380	.372	.386	.366	.371	.366	.392	.388	.370	.367
Oranges, navel....lb.	.447	NA	.479	.489	.440	NA	.466	.490	.407	NA
Oranges, Valencia....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.388	NA	.448
Cherries....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit....lb.	.331	.339	.317	.331	.349	.355	.297	.315	.391	.373
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons....lb.	.666	.733	.656	.688	.698	.763	.683	.790	.644	.731
Peaches....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou....lb.	.626	.649	.600	.630	.624	.648	.682	.704	.607	.596
Strawberries, dry pint....12oz.	.914	.730	NA	NA	.811	.791	.893	.713	1.069	.684
Potatoes, white....lb.	.218	.229	.199	.205	.215	.229	.213	.221	.252	.267
Lettuce, iceberg....lb.	.700	.518	.737	.578	.672	.515	.726	.535	.662	.447
Tomatoes, field grown....lb.	.664	.694	.674	.696	.692	.696	.626	.635	.674	.772
Beans, green, snap....lb.	1.028	1.103	.866	.967	NA	NA	.784	.876	1.419	NA
Cabbage....lb.	.322	.407	.334	.413	.326	.402	.313	.416	.305	.367
Carrots, short trimmed and topped....lb.	.395	.378	.418	.385	.417	.401	.398	.405	.368	.339
Celery....lb.	.417	.455	.404	.449	.451	.473	.475	.499	.359	.412
Corn on the cob....lb.	NA	.468	NA	.431	.496	.501	.470	.429	NA	.569
Cucumbers....lb.	.514	.541	.494	.561	.506	.499	.524	.620	.539	.512
Mushrooms....lb.	1.853	1.841	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.348	2.056
Onions, dry yellow....lb.	.334	.357	.328	.352	.357	.373	.378	.389	.281	.315
Onions, green (scallions)....lb.	1.083	1.066	NA	NA	1.282	1.327	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet....lb.	.940	1.062	.776	.890	1.142	1.224	.958	1.089	.890	1.064
Radishes....lb.	.746	.861	.748	.899	.768	.908	.890	1.032	.660	.710
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can....16oz.	1.511	1.489	1.697	1.602	1.421	1.427	1.447	1.455	1.597	1.557
Potatoes, frozen, French fried....lb.	.679	.678	NA	NA	.668	.654	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole....lb.	.554	.550	NA	NA	.569	.564	.555	.556	.545	.545
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid....lb.	1.863	1.869	1.887	1.871	1.598	1.621	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes....lb.	.338	.335	.370	.377	.317	.309	.326	.325	.356	.350
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg....lb.	.326	.323	.350	.357	.316	.307	.309	.310	.332	.323
Jelly....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs..lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends....lb.	.790	.800	.894	.884	.750	.774	.732	.750	.802	.808
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk....16oz.	.264	.265	.267	.274	.248	.251	.281	.280	.286	.276
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz....16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.262	.276
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk....16oz.	.477	.473	.477	.475	.490	.484	.463	.463	.479	.474
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes....lb.	2.585	2.567	2.520	2.541	2.632	2.561	2.597	2.606	2.553	2.575
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can..lb.	2.608	2.613	2.500	2.535	2.775	2.741	2.550	2.557	2.579	2.602
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz....16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz....16oz.	6.734	6.864	NA	NA	6.827	6.901	6.653	6.572	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz....16oz.	10.533	10.490	NA	NA	10.565	10.474	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips....16oz.	2.380	2.400	2.449	2.465	2.261	2.253	2.375	2.416	2.475	2.519
Pork and beans, canned....16oz.	.430	.427	.407	.397	.440	.440	.414	.411	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available.. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - June 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for June 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The June price for all types of gasoline rose 7.2 cents to $1.296. The June prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.242; unleaded regular, $1.309; and leaded premium, $1.408. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and Anchorage and lowest in Northeast Pennsylvania, Dallas, and Denver.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil rose 2.3 cents to $1.194 in June. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon was highest in Buffalo and Seattle and lowest in Portland, Milwaukee, and Northeast Pennsylvania.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $38.047 in June, up $1.609 from May. The large increase was primarily due to a seasonal change to higher summer rates for electricity. The average price for 40 therms was $23.797, 5.6 cents lower than May. The average price for 100 therms was $55.387, 4.8 cents lower than May.

Food (Table 4)

In June, changes in average retail food prices were almost evenly divided as the price increased for 38 items, decreased for 37 items, and was unchanged for one item.

The most notable price increases occurred in the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category where 19 items were higher and 9 were lower in price. Substantial increases were noted for T-bone steak, sirloin steak, and rib roast--up 21.5, 20.0, and 16.1 cents respectively. Most other beef and pork cuts were also up significantly. Egg prices led the declines in the group, dropping 5.9 cents for Grade A large and 4.1 cents for Grade AA large.

Price increases for fruits and vegetables slightly outnumbered price decreases by an 11 to 10 margin. The greatest price increase was for field grown tomatoes, up 17.5 cents and the sharpest decrease was for snap beans, down 20.5 cents.

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The three remaining groups each experienced a greater number of price declines than price advances. In the cereals and bakery product category, seven items were lower while two were higher in price. Most price changes were moderate as both the highest increase and decrease were 0.9 cents,recorded for chocolate chip cookies and long grain uncooked rice respectively.

The average price for five dairy product items fell while the price for one item rose. A 1.7 cent jump in the price for ice cream was the only increase and a 1.5 cent drop in the price of fruit flavored yogurt led the decreases.

In the other foods at home group, six items were lower in price, five items were higher, and one item unchanged. The most significant activity occurred among coffee items where the sharpest decrease, 10.8 cents, and the largest increase, 7.9 cents, was noted for plain instant coffee (9.1-14 oz.) and for freeze dried coffee respectively.

Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 kWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$23.853	$23.797	$55.435	$55.387	$36.438	$38.047	$1.171	$1.194
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.265	20.206	45.958	45.802	43.626	51.172	1.194	1.209
Detroit, Mich.	22.165	22.318	48.431	48.808	34.615	32.433	1.173	1.220
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.278	19.293	54.827	54.844	36.542	36.183	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	32.842	33.472	72.808	74.008	57.959	63.328	1.210	1.225
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	26.584	26.610	61.500	61.531	37.803	41.099	1.161	1.173
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.850	20.190	20.190	27.855	27.991	1.236	1.237
Baltimore, Md.	25.420	25.450	56.810	56.880	37.870	37.870	1.147	1.163
Boston, Mass.	32.216	32.719	72.207	73.019	39.297	40.184	1.194	1.210
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.670	22.670	52.160	52.160	32.550	32.550	1.136	1.196
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	24.118	19.103	56.241	43.676	38.209	37.636	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.510	21.510	45.240	45.240	36.062	36.279	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.513	25.786	59.057	59.731	34.970	36.380	1.131	1.143
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.330	25.330	54.752	54.752	34.360	34.360	1.111	1.145
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.190	28.197	66.302	66.298	16.034	16.034	1.136	1.138
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	25.210	24.774	56.164	55.054	25.711	30.791	1.117	1.152
San Diego, Calif.	21.233	21.233	66.509	66.509	57.217	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.121	32.161	68.206	68.292	13.995	13.744	1.250	1.249
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	29.172	26.973	63.800	60.504	34.539	34.951	1.183	1.216
Atlanta, Ga.	23.240	23.240	51.990	51.980	30.348	30.519	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	24.035	24.135	54.376	54.666	35.939	36.320	1.203	1.258
Cleveland, Ohio	18.697	20.735	41.108	46.004	39.794	44.679	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	24.681	22.698	58.143	53.080	36.303	38.213	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	67.050	66.810	158.630	158.010	61.870	62.230	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	50.930	50.930	37.930	36.486	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	21.068	20.760	46.724	46.045	29.370	36.046	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	21.107	22.165	49.948	52.406	30.526	33.810	1.101	1.164
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.868	17.868	40.104	40.104	34.999	34.999	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.489	18.489	59.022	59.022	34.812	34.812	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	29.693	29.974	66.365	66.910	44.998	47.762	1.180	1.199
North Central	21.959	22.150	48.622	49.097	35.323	38.427	1.133	1.174
South	23.821	22.970	54.517	53.099	33.228	33.722	1.170	1.196
West 1/	20.396	20.180	58.303	57.647	31.669	31.495	1.190	1.189
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	29.388	29.829	65.497	66.332	46.719	50.103	1.194	1.210
North Central/A	21.867	22.050	48.901	49.352	36.798	40.890	1.148	1.184
South/A	26.447	24.703	59.885	56.437	36.372	36.710	1.172	1.196
West/A	20.337	20.347	58.755	58.771	32.328	32.104	1.237	1.232
Northeast/B	26.286	26.168	58.301	58.140	38.068	38.549	1.122	1.139
North Central/B	22.527	22.770	48.339	48.927	30.493	29.366	1.157	1.216
South/B	19.047	19.451	43.434	45.111	29.281	30.094	1.175	1.201
West/B 1/	20.794	20.194	59.569	57.813	30.834	30.718	1.136	1.138
Northeast/C	37.164	37.173	85.909	85.917	39.597	39.458	1.190	1.216
North Central/C	20.415	20.784	44.457	45.465	27.210	27.024	1.131	1.176
South/C	22.548	22.558	54.127	54.153	30.224	30.513	NA	NA
West/C	17.893	18.234	46.378	46.801	28.343	28.741	1.236	1.237
Northeast/D	32.824	32.552	75.066	72.979	35.466	35.792	1.186	1.213
North Central/D	21.968	21.959	47.268	47.335	29.589	29.979	1.080	1.121
South/D	21.959	21.959	53.146	53.146	35.221	34.860	1.164	1.190
West/D	20.870	21.076	48.450	48.520	20.960	20.399	1.093	1.099

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 385,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for June 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for June 1982	
	May 1982	June 1982	Low	High	May 1982	June 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.574	$0.575	1	1,688	$0.075	$0.079	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.430	.427	30	701	.087	.102	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.478	.489	21	694	.071	.078	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.549	.549	9	352	.075	.075	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.912	.932	3	460	.137	.146	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.644	.645	14	257	.075	.085	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.182	65	1,688	.053	.053	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.624	.625	10	190	.066	.075	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.773	.786	5	291	.083	.085	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.547	.547	21	389	.072	.073	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.589	.463	13	334	.072	.071	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.072	.072	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.613	.620	8	235	.067	.070	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.631	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.676	.676	34	130	.036	.036	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.558	.546	35	275	.048	.060	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.561	.561	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.769	.769	5	309	.026	.025	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.672	.641	5	182	.067	.074	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.639	.638	4	418	.057	.066	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.536	.539	30	284	.072	.073	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.456	.499	2	369	.074	.087	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.635	.585	3	169	.070	.074	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	2.092	2.085	3	55	.118	.119	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.483	.483	83	297	.083	.080	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.492	.484	20	191	.054	.067	65	3,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.507	.536	16	562	.059	.066	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.390	.390	71	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.616	.616	52	350	.088	.088	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.752	.761	3	460	.097	.103	8	9,782
North Central	.483	.490	1	701	.069	.078	18	5,070
South	.579	.562	2	500	.068	.070	3	7,290
West 1/	.580	.575	5	1,688	.066	.066	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.743	.756	3	460	.102	.109	21	5,035
North Central/A	.486	.493	2	701	.073	.084	18	5,070
South/A	.649	.615	3	418	.072	.075	110	7,290
West/A	.596	.596	5	352	.067	.066	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.659	.658	3	218	.079	.080	8	2,889
North Central/B	.476	.482	60	609	.059	.059	186	2,965
South/B	.446	.449	2	500	.061	.063	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.580	.559	13	334	.066	.066	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.968	.968	5	306	.081	.081	9	9,782
North Central/C	.446	.456	1	493	.053	.054	108	3,626
South/C	.531	.532	6	280	.064	.064	3	4,012
West/C	.484	.522	32	1,688	.060	.061	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.911	.904	5	282	.067	.068	117	2,196
North Central/D	.474	.475	43	485	.058	.060	18	2,560
South/D	.552	.552	6	320	.066	.067	58	3,188
West/D	.493	.490	18	241	.036	.035	97	4,038

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
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Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.224	$1.296	$1.166	$1.242	$1.257	$1.309	$1.379	$1.408
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.252	1.339	1.203	1.292	1.258	1.346	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.247	1.332	1.200	1.285	1.255	1.346	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.293	1.306	1.213	1.233	1.303	1.318	NA	1.385
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.246	1.302	1.176	1.233	1.249	1.302	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.192	1.242	1.122	1.178	1.194	1.240	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.380	1.398	1.341	1.360	1.401	1.420	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.285	1.353	1.228	1.295	1.274	1.343	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.194	1.258	1.157	1.225	1.204	1.266	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.202	1.295	1.151	1.244	1.225	1.320	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.150	1.221	1.119	1.190	1.187	1.257	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.280	1.316	1.201	1.242	1.290	1.330	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.201	1.299	1.170	1.268	1.212	1.311	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.149	1.205	1.117	1.173	1.161	1.218	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.263	1.315	1.209	1.264	1.283	1.332	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.166	1.256	1.113	1.210	1.170	1.258	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.273	1.322	1.190	1.239	1.285	1.334	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.223	1.271	1.180	1.229	1.215	1.264	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.254	1.320	1.192	1.256	1.241	1.306	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.280	1.353	1.213	1.281	1.269	1.351	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.223	1.294	1.177	1.251	1.233	1.306	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.271	1.352	1.230	1.305	1.284	1.352	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.123	1.212	1.067	1.163	1.132	1.217	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.501	1.512	1.432	1.454	1.506	1.511	1.544	1.556
Houston, Tex.	1.153	1.244	1.097	1.195	1.166	1.255	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.150	1.307	1.120	1.262	1.182	1.340	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.227	1.336	1.191	1.299	1.258	1.368	1.286	1.383
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.234	1.271	1.174	1.212	1.243	1.280	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.279	1.342	1.211	1.272	1.290	1.357	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.223	1.283	1.165	1.228	1.227	1.285	NA	NA
North Central	1.225	1.313	1.185	1.272	1.244	1.334	1.342	1.369
South	1.193	1.277	1.132	1.222	1.207	1.290	NA	NA
West	1.271	1.308	1.192	1.237	1.287	1.320	1.392	1.413
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.228	1.282	1.162	1.219	1.232	1.284	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.227	1.320	1.179	1.273	1.241	1.335	1.294	1.341
South/A	1.210	1.285	1.145	1.223	1.207	1.282	NA	NA
West/A	1.277	1.307	1.204	1.237	1.286	1.318	1.338	1.386
Northeast/B	1.198	1.251	1.148	1.208	1.207	1.257	NA	NA
North Central/B	NA	1.315	NA	1.256	NA	1.337	NA	NA
South/B	1.171	1.271	1.109	1.216	1.195	1.289	NA	NA
West/B	1.288	1.331	1.191	1.247	1.304	1.337	1.426	1.483
Northeast/C	1.224	1.300	1.180	1.249	1.223	1.297	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.231	1.317	1.198	1.285	1.257	1.345	NA	NA
South/C	1.195	1.280	1.144	1.232	1.214	1.301	NA	NA
West/C	1.242	1.293	1.172	1.230	1.271	1.312	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.239	1.293	1.195	1.249	1.247	1.300	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.213	1.286	1.184	1.263	1.243	1.309	NA	NA
South/D	NA	1.269	NA	1.215	NA	1.288	NA	NA
West/D	1.228	1.261	1.193	1.225	1.263	1.297	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose.....lb.	$0.228	$0.227	$0.256	$0.259	$0.207	$0.208	NA	NA	$0.225	$0.221
Rice, white, long grain, precooked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.301	1.318	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked.....lb.	.508	.499	.666	.648	NA	NA	$0.426	$0.410	.492	.489
Spaghetti.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan.....lb.	.529	.525	.614	.613	.525	.516	.492	.488	.491	.496
Bread, French.....lb.	.894	.902	NA	NA	NA	NA	.823	.828	.934	.933
Bread, rye, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.941	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan.....lb.	.818	.812	NA	NA	.848	.831	.767	.761	.804	.804
Bread, wheat blend, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger.....lb.	.849	.843	NA	NA	1.008	1.012	.771	.758	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate.....lb.	1.817	1.811	1.782	1.749	1.728	1.730	NA	NA	1.878	1.889
Cookies, chocolate chip.....lb.	1.759	1.768	1.884	1.885	NA	NA	1.680	1.700	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted.....lb.	.882	.879	NA	NA	.873	.875	.851	.871	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef.....lb.	1.785	1.817	1.798	1.870	1.737	1.751	1.852	1.868	1.749	1.753
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.782	1.856	1.715	1.738	1.776	1.916	1.812	1.839	1.805	1.871
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.718	2.771	2.647	2.640	2.706	2.769	2.822	2.912	2.744	2.884
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.198	3.359	3.263	3.421	3.200	3.306	3.234	3.331	2.995	3.398
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.992	3.137	3.108	3.224	2.870	3.030	3.173	3.324	2.775	2.934
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.162	3.362	3.114	3.367	3.085	3.200	3.320	3.564	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.870	1.838	1.919	1.823	1.886	1.881	1.912	1.900	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.896	4.111	NA	NA	3.906	4.089	3.997	4.241	3.737	3.852
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	4.091	4.182	4.177	4.137	4.106	4.240	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced.....lb.	1.982	2.070	1.971	2.069	2.009	2.083	1.940	2.076	2.004	2.044
Chops, center cut, bone-in.....lb.	2.326	2.427	2.332	2.450	2.163	2.283	2.373	2.500	2.529	2.523
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.389	1.430	1.440	1.535	NA	NA	1.356	1.423	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.343	1.304	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.243	1.250	1.582	1.532
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.228	1.224	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.150	1.207	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.505	1.596	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in.....lb.	1.690	1.760	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.706	1.785	1.845	1.790
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.111	1.143	1.192	1.233	NA	NA	1.048	1.091	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose.....lb.	1.818	1.887	NA	NA	1.902	1.975	1.726	1.773	1.828	1.933
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs.....lb.	2.596	2.620	2.713	2.742	2.569	2.595	2.558	2.574	2.560	2.590
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat.....lb.	1.777	1.832	1.719	1.792	1.792	1.858	1.844	1.906	1.731	1.736
Bologna.....lb.	2.183	2.249	2.420	2.500	2.056	2.135	2.149	2.207	2.216	2.298
Beef liver.....lb.	1.042	1.029	.963	.953	1.070	1.065	1.056	1.063	1.070	1.008
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole.....lb.	.720	.732	.750	.784	.715	.711	.687	.696	.735	.743
Chicken breast, bone-in.....lb.	1.485	1.473	1.430	1.423	1.437	1.492	1.486	1.414	1.677	1.688
Chicken legs, bone-in.....lb.	1.074	1.072	.923	.907	NA	NA	1.151	1.190	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.....lb.	.925	.914	1.031	1.024	.859	.899	.871	.875	.915	.842
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk.....lb.	2.470	2.484	2.542	2.527	2.517	2.539	NA	NA	2.423	2.408
Eggs:										
Grade A, large.....doz.	.842	.783	.937	.862	.800	.732	.804	.758	NA	NA
Grade AA, large.....doz.	.827	.786	-	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	.873	.869
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified.....1/2 gal.	1.129	1.122	1.105	1.100	1.116	1.101	1.244	1.244	1.051	1.045
Milk, fresh, skim.....1/2 gal.	.969	.964	NA	NA	.991	.975	NA	NA	.860	.864
Milk, fresh, low fat.....1/2 gal.	1.058	1.056	1.061	1.049	1.045	1.048	1.164	1.167	1.022	1.016
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.....lb.	2.054	2.052	1.987	1.980	2.105	2.102	2.124	2.135	2.002	1.995
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular.....1/2 gal.	2.043	2.060	2.307	2.308	1.861	1.886	1.994	1.983	2.151	2.190
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored.....1/2 pt.	.495	.480	.499	NA	.526	.529	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982	May 1982	June 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious, lb.	$0.667	$0.722	$0.639	$0.693	$0.673	$0.741	$0.710	$0.756	$0.648	$0.699
Bananas, lb.	.372	.381	.366	.385	.366	.365	.388	.401	.367	.371
Oranges, navel, lb.	NA	NA	.489	NA	NA	NA	.490	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, lb.	NA	.479	NA	.508	NA	.510	.388	.419	.448	.485
Cherries, lb.	NA	1.897	NA	1.975	NA	1.867	NA	1.893	NA	NA
Grapefruit, lb.	.339	.362	.331	.346	.355	.364	.315	.370	.373	.383
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons, lb.	.733	.846	.688	.853	.763	.959	.790	.879	.731	.788
Peaches, lb.	NA	.703	NA	.625	NA	.782	NA	.794	NA	.664
Pears, Anjou, lb.	.649	NA	.630	NA	.648	.741	.704	NA	.596	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, 12oz.	.730	.778	NA	NA	.791	.830	.713	.772	.684	.727
Potatoes, white, lb.	.229	.250	.205	.231	.229	.269	.221	.224	.267	.277
Lettuce, iceberg, lb.	.518	.503	.578	.528	.515	.508	.535	.544	.447	.432
Tomatoes, field grown, lb.	.694	.869	.696	.854	.696	.924	.635	.828	.772	.889
Beans, green, snap, lb.	1.103	.898	.967	.891	NA	NA	.876	.755	NA	1.060
Cabbage, lb.	.407	.465	.413	.453	.402	.488	.416	.451	.367	.481
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, lb.	.378	.354	.385	.366	.401	.388	.405	.390	.339	.298
Celery, lb.	.455	.504	.449	.509	.473	.532	.499	.558	.412	.440
Corn on the cob, lb.	.468	.446	.431	.427	.501	.485	.429	.446	.569	.409
Cucumbers, lb.	.541	.455	.561	.422	.499	.421	.620	.489	.512	.521
Mushrooms, lb.	1.841	1.924	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.056	2.247
Onions, dry yellow, lb.	.357	.347	.352	.364	.373	.356	.389	.386	.315	.277
Onions, green (scallions), lb.	1.066	1.060	NA	NA	1.327	1.310	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, lb.	1.062	1.058	.890	.937	1.224	1.059	1.089	1.203	1.064	1.130
Radishes, lb.	.861	.671	.899	.704	.908	.690	1.032	.767	.710	.589
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can, 16oz.	1.489	1.483	1.602	1.626	1.427	1.412	1.455	1.434	1.557	1.558
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, lb.	.678	NA	NA	NA	.654	.631	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole, lb.	.550	.553	NA	NA	.564	.575	.556	.558	.545	.539
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid, lb.	1.869	1.781	1.871	1.822	1.621	1.516	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes, lb.	.335	.341	.377	.384	.309	.314	.325	.335	.350	.350
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, lb.	.323	.330	.357	.366	.307	.312	.310	.319	.323	.324
Jelly, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, lb.	.800	.800	.884	.906	.774	.771	.750	.740	.808	.812
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk, 16oz.	.265	.271	.274	.273	.251	.255	.280	.291	.276	.290
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.276	.260
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk, 16oz.	.473	.472	.475	.473	.484	.477	.463	.463	.474	.477
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, lb.	2.567	2.527	2.541	2.527	2.561	2.515	2.606	2.566	2.575	2.486
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, lb.	2.613	2.595	2.535	2.513	2.741	2.742	2.557	2.534	2.602	2.551
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz, 16oz.	6.864	6.756	NA	NA	6.901	6.721	6.572	6.618	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz, 16oz.	10.490	10.569	NA	NA	10.474	10.650	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, 16oz.	2.400	2.385	2.465	2.397	2.253	2.244	2.416	2.455	2.519	2.512
Pork and beans, canned, 16oz.	.427	.430	.397	.413	.440	.441	.411	.411	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear—average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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Average retail prices for natural gas for the February through June 1982 period have been corrected for an error in the revised basic weights introduced with the continuing outlet updating procedure. The recomputation affects average prices for natural gas at the U.S., region, population size class, and region by population size class cross classification levels. It does not affect the individually published A-size metropolitan areas. The attached tables present the revised prices and comparisons with previously published ones.

CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - July 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for July 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The July price for all types of gasoline rose 2.2 cents to $1.318. The July prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.263; unleaded regular, $1.331; and leaded premium, $1.450. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Northeast Pennsylvania and Dallas.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil increased to $1.200 in July. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Buffalo and lowest in Portland and Milwaukee.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $38.403, up 35.6 cents from June. The price for 40 therms was $23.223, 13.5 cents lower than June. The price for 100 therms was $54.586, 21.4 cents lower than June.

Food (Table 4)

The U.S. average price increased for 45 items and decreased for 34 items in July.

Decreases outnumbered increases by a five to four margin in average prices for cereal and bakery products. Most changes were small. The largest decrease was for hamburger rolls, down 2.3 cents; the largest increase was for salted soda crackers, up 3.5 cents.

Average prices for twenty-two meats, poultry, fish and eggs items were higher, while only six were lower. Price levels for all pork, other meats, poultry and egg items were higher. The largest increase was recorded for center cut pork chops, up 7.6 cents, while the largest decrease was for round steak, down 11.9 cents.

Price levels for all six dairy products were higher. The most noteworthy increases were for yogurt, up 3.3 cents, and ice cream, up 3.2 cents.

Sixteen decreases and eight increases were noted in average prices for fruits and vegetables items in July. Several sizeable drops were recorded, including: 71.1 cents for cherries, 25.3 cents for sweet peppers, 22.8 cents for green snap beans, and 14.7 cents for cabbage. Increases in price levels were much smaller with a 4.2 cents increase for valencia oranges being the largest.

Five increases and seven decreases in average prices for other foods at home were recorded for the month ending in July. The most significant changes occurred in price levels for coffee items. The largest increase was a 2.7 cents increase for instant coffee in 9.1 - 14 oz. sizes. The largest decrease was for freeze dried coffee which dropped 16.8 cents.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 KWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 198	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982
U.S. city average 1/	2/$23.358	$23.223	2/$54.800	$54.586	$38.047	$38.403	$1.194	$1.200
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.206	20.229	45.802	46.646	51.172	50.641	1.209	1.214
Detroit, Mich.	22.318	22.595	48.808	49.510	32.433	35.795	1.220	1.223
L.A.-Long Beach, Ananeim, Calif.	19.293	19.303	54.844	54.854	36.183	35.763	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	33.472	34.194	74.008	75.774	63.328	62.592	1.225	1.230
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	26.610	28.395	61.531	64.908	41.099	41.099	1.173	1.172
Anchorage, Alaska	9.850	9.760	20.190	19.960	27.991	28.579	1.237	1.244
Baltimore, Md.	25.450	25.320	56.880	56.560	37.870	37.880	1.163	1.171
Boston, Mass.	32.719	33.231	73.019	74.286	40.184	41.755	1.210	1.220
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.670	22.550	52.160	51.860	32.550	32.740	1.196	1.197
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	19.103	29.191	43.676	68.953	37.636	38.639	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.510	21.510	45.240	45.240	36.279	36.173	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.786	25.633	59.731	59.376	36.380	38.220	1.143	1.147
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.330	25.330	54.752	54.752	34.360	34.360	1.145	1.162
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.197	28.207	66.298	66.369	16.034	16.356	1.138	1.138
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	24.774	24.363	55.054	54.220	30.791	33.309	1.152	1.151
San Diego, Calif.	21.233	21.233	66.509	66.509	57.217	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.161	32.161	68.292	68.337	13.744	13.519	1.249	1.251
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	26.973	26.071	60.504	59.954	34.951	36.484	1.216	1.221
Atlanta, Ga.	23.210	23.050	51.900	51.482	30.519	30.597	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	24.135	24.840	54.666	56.393	36.320	34.227	1.258	1.263
Cleveland, Ohio	20.735	20.833	46.004	46.004	44.679	44.758	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	22.698	15.496	53.080	34.718	38.213	40.269	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 3/	66.810	59.360	158.010	139.400	62.230	62.050	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	50.930	50.930	36.480	38.840	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	20.760	20.679	46.045	45.861	36.046	36.187	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	22.165	21.956	52.406	51.891	33.810	33.569	1.164	1.169
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.868	18.907	40.104	41.473	34.999	33.979	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.489	18.489	59.022	59.028	34.812	34.812	NA	NA
Region 4/								
Northeast	2/29.408	30.135	2/65.374	66.937	47.762	47.582	1.199	1.205
North Central	2/21.943	22.006	2/48.869	49.198	38.427	39.349	1.174	1.181
South	2/23.216	20.988	2/53.089	48.143	33.722	34.419	1.196	1.202
west 1/	2/20.111	20.558	2/57.419	58.700	31.495	31.457	1.189	1.191
Region/population size class cross classification 4/								
Northeast/A	29.829	30.660	66.332	68.101	50.103	49.728	1.210	1.214
North Central/A	22.050	22.108	49.352	49.693	40.890	41.780	1.184	1.187
South/A	24.703	21.340	56.437	48.881	36.710	38.010	1.196	1.202
west/A	20.205	20.210	58.222	58.233	32.104	31.856	1.232	1.235
Northeast/B	2/26.733	26.787	2/59.115	59.321	38.549	39.352	1.139	1.147
North Central/B	2/21.459	21.524	2/46.433	46.627	29.366	30.570	1.216	1.223
South/B	19.451	19.365	45.111	44.412	30.094	30.035	1.201	1.205
west/B 1/	20.194	21.415	57.813	61.384	30.718	31.200	1.138	1.138
Northeast/C	2/25.258	25.268	2/56.270	56.225	39.458	39.190	1.216	1.220
North Central/C	20.784	21.040	45.465	46.057	27.024	27.775	1.176	1.192
South/C	22.558	22.712	54.153	54.552	30.513	30.646	NA	NA
west/C	18.234	18.212	46.801	46.587	28.741	28.472	1.237	1.244
Northeast/D	32.552	32.709	72.979	74.435	35.792	35.781	1.213	1.234
North Central/D	2/20.263	20.303	2/43.578	43.847	29.979	30.043	1.121	1.128
South/D	2/22.498	23.175	2/53.339	54.972	34.860	35.409	1.190	1.197
west/D	21.076	20.060	48.520	48.078	20.399	20.390	1.099	1.100

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Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for July 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for July 1982	
	June 1982	July 1982	Low	High	June 1982	July 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	2/$0.567	$0.565	1	1,688	$0.079	$0.079	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.427	.441	30	701	.102	.101	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.489	.496	21	694	.078	.085	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.549	.549	9	352	.075	.074	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.932	.948	3	460	.146	.144	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.645	.687	14	257	.085	.085	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.182	.180	65	1,688	.053	.054	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.625	.621	10	190	.075	.075	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.786	.797	5	491	.085	.088	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.547	.544	21	389	.073	.073	40	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.463	.716	13	334	.071	.073	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.072	.072	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.620	.616	8	235	.070	.073	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.631	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.676	.676	34	130	.036	.037	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.546	.538	35	275	.060	.065	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.561	.561	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.769	.770	5	300	.025	.025	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.641	.636	5	182	.074	.077	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.638	.634	4	418	.066	.066	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.539	.557	30	284	.073	.069	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.499	.500	2	369	.087	.087	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.585	.403	3	169	.074	.076	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 3/	2.085	1.899	3	55	.119	.119	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.483	.483	83	297	.080	.084	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.484	.482	20	191	.067	.067	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.536	.532	16	562	.066	.065	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.390	.401	72	270	.073	.071	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.616	.616	52	350	.088	.088	16	7,997
Region 4/								
Northeast	2/.742	.757	3	460	.103	.103	8	9,782
North Central	2/.487	.492	1	701	.078	.080	18	5,070
South	2/.565	.516	2	500	.070	.071	3	7,290
West 1/	4/.573	.585	5	1,688	.066	.066	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 4/								
Northeast/A	.756	.773	3	460	.109	.108	21	5,035
North Central/A	.493	.498	2	701	.084	.085	18	5,070
South/A	.615	.539	3	418	.075	.077	110	7,290
West/A	.589	.590	5	352	.066	.066	14	7,997
Northeast/B	2/.667	.668	3	218	.080	.081	8	2,889
North Central/B	2/.454	.455	60	609	.059	.061	186	2,965
South/B	.449	.448	2	500	.063	.063	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.559	.599	13	334	.066	.067	55	9,301
Northeast/C	2/.571	.573	5	306	.081	.080	9	9,782
North Central/C	.456	.461	1	493	.054	.056	108	3,626
South/C	.532	.537	6	280	.064	.064	3	4,012
West/C	.522	.482	11	1,688	.061	.060	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.904	.909	5	282	.068	.068	117	2,196
North Central/D	2/.428	.430	43	485	.060	.060	18	2,560
South/D	2/.571	.587	6	320	.067	.069	58	3,188
West/D	490	.488	18	256	.035	.035	97	4,038

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.296	$1.318	$1.242	$1.263	$1.309	$1.331	$1.408	$1.450
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.339	1.363	1.292	1.313	1.346	1.373	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.332	1.347	1.285	1.297	1.346	1.359	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.306	1.341	1.233	1.275	1.318	1.352	1.385	1.437
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.302	1.329	1.233	1.258	1.302	1.329	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.242	1.263	1.178	1.200	1.240	1.261	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.398	1.417	1.360	1.378	1.420	1.439	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.353	1.372	1.295	1.311	1.343	1.360	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.258	1.288	1.225	1.253	1.266	1.298	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.295	1.307	1.244	1.255	1.320	1.331	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.221	1.252	1.190	1.219	1.257	1.292	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.316	1.345	1.242	1.251	1.330	1.369	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.299	1.319	1.268	1.291	1.311	1.328	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.205	1.236	1.173	1.203	1.218	1.250	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.315	1.353	1.264	1.301	1.332	1.375	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.256	1.259	1.210	1.209	1.258	1.267	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.322	1.371	1.239	1.290	1.334	1.385	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.271	1.309	1.229	1.268	1.264	1.304	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.320	1.353	1.256	1.291	1.306	1.338	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.353	1.369	1.281	1.293	1.351	1.368	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.294	1.306	1.251	1.262	1.306	1.318	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.352	1.364	1.305	1.320	1.352	1.365	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.212	1.241	1.163	1.189	1.217	1.248	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.512	1.533	1.454	1.466	1.511	1.536	1.556	1.580
Houston, Tex.	1.244	1.246	1.195	1.175	1.255	1.250	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.307	1.319	1.262	1.276	1.340	1.351	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.336	1.337	1.299	1.296	1.368	1.375	1.383	1.389
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.271	1.299	1.212	1.242	1.280	1.308	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.342	1.404	1.272	1.332	1.357	1.422	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.283	1.308	1.228	1.250	1.285	1.310	NA	NA
North Central	1.313	1.327	1.272	1.283	1.334	1.349	1.369	1.374
South	1.277	1.295	1.222	1.236	1.290	1.308	NA	NA
West	1.308	1.348	1.237	1.280	1.320	1.360	1.413	1.459
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.282	1.307	1.219	1.243	1.284	1.309	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.320	1.334	1.273	1.284	1.335	1.350	1.341	1.347
South/A	1.285	1.293	1.223	1.226	1.282	1.291	NA	NA
West/A	1.307	1.347	1.237	1.282	1.318	1.357	1.386	1.437
Northeast/B	1.251	1.279	1.208	1.226	1.257	1.293	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.315	1.330	1.256	1.271	1.337	1.353	NA	NA
South/B	1.271	1.287	1.216	1.226	1.289	1.313	NA	NA
West/B	1.331	1.372	1.247	1.294	1.337	1.376	1.483	1.508
Northeast/C	1.300	1.324	1.249	1.272	1.297	1.320	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.317	1.327	1.285	1.293	1.345	1.358	NA	NA
South/C	1.280	1.290	1.232	1.241	1.301	1.312	NA	NA
West/C	1.293	1.342	1.230	1.277	1.312	1.364	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.293	1.317	1.249	1.275	1.300	1.320	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.286	1.299	1.263	1.277	1.309	1.326	NA	NA
South/D	1.269	1.318	1.215	1.265	1.288	1.335	NA	NA
West/D	1.261	1.275	1.225	1.243	1.297	1.307	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose....lb.	$0.227	$0.232	$0.259	$0.260	$0.208	$0.211	NA	NA	$0.221	$0.228
Rice, white, long grain, precooked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.318	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked....lb.	.499	.496	.648	.645	NA	NA	$0.410	$0.423	.489	.481
Spaghetti....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan....lb.	.525	.534	.613	.617	.516	.529	.488	.497	.496	.503
Bread, French....lb.	.902	.919	NA	NA	NA	NA	.828	.845	.933	.975
Bread, rye, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.941	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan lb.	.812	.810	NA	NA	.831	.811	.761	.772	.804	.809
Bread, wheat blend, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger....lb.	.843	.820	NA	NA	1.012	.997	.758	.704	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate....lb.	1.811	1.809	1.749	1.742	1.730	1.735	NA	NA	1.889	1.877
Cookies, chocolate chip....lb.	1.768	1.750	1.885	1.904	NA	NA	1.700	1.689	NA	1.741
Crackers, soda, salted....lb.	.879	.914	NA	NA	.875	.895	.871	.861	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef....lb.	1.817	1.786	1.870	1.808	1.751	1.748	1.868	1.856	1.713	1.710
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.856	1.835	1.738	1.797	1.916	1.816	1.839	1.862	1.871	1.857
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.771	2.714	2.640	2.630	2.769	2.653	2.912	2.818	2.884	2.868
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.359	3.387	3.421	3.430	3.306	3.345	3.331	3.327	3.398	3.501
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	3.137	3.018	3.224	3.076	3.030	2.971	3.324	3.225	2.934	2.769
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.362	3.364	3.367	3.390	3.200	3.249	3.564	3.467	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.838	1.836	1.823	1.877	1.881	1.818	1.900	1.883	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in lb.	4.111	4.133	NA	NA	4.089	4.204	4.241	4.062	3.852	3.911
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	4.182	4.225	4.137	4.326	4.240	4.184	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced....lb.	2.070	2.101	2.069	2.124	2.083	2.094	2.076	2.093	2.044	2.095
Chops, center cut, bone-in....lb.	2.427	2.503	2.450	2.484	2.283	2.363	2.500	2.549	2.523	2.707
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.430	1.433	1.535	1.475	NA	NA	1.423	1.437	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked lb.	1.304	1.375	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.250	1.320	1.532	1.596
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.224	1.274	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.207	1.221	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.596	1.714	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in....lb.	1.760	1.825	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.785	NA	1.790	1.881
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.143	1.184	1.233	1.286	NA	NA	1.091	1.139	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose....lb.	1.887	1.949	NA	NA	1.975	1.979	1.773	1.900	1.933	1.971
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs....lb.	2.620	2.655	2.742	2.755	2.595	2.604	2.574	2.652	2.590	2.630
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat....lb.	1.832	1.861	1.792	1.846	1.858	1.868	1.906	1.947	1.736	1.739
Bologna lb.	2.249	2.289	2.500	2.519	2.135	2.197	2.207	2.221	2.298	2.364
Beef liver....lb.	1.029	1.045	.953	.949	1.065	1.054	1.063	1.109	1.008	1.053
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole....lb.	.732	.740	.784	.781	.711	.723	.696	.697	.743	.773
Chicken breast, bone-in....lb.	1.473	1.480	1.423	1.420	1.492	1.517	1.414	1.428	1.688	1.679
Chicken legs, bone-in....lb.	1.072	1.102	.907	.961	NA	NA	1.190	1.181	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.... lb.	.914	.941	1.024	1.050	.899	.929	.875	.918	.842	.852
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk....lb.	2.484	2.470	2.527	2.532	2.539	2.488	NA	2.418	2.408	2.407
Eggs:										
Grade A, large....doz.	.783	.851	.862	.944	.732	.796	.758	.829	NA	NA
Grade AA, large....doz.	.786	.860	-	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	.869	.893
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified....1/2 gal.	1.122	1.123	1.100	1.100	1.101	1.113	1.244	1.230	1.045	1.048
Milk, fresh, skim....1/2 gal.	.964	.978	NA	NA	.975	.999	NA	NA	.864	.871
Milk, fresh, low fat....1/2 gal.	1.056	1.064	1.049	1.044	1.048	1.053	1.167	1.190	1.016	1.027
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.... lb.	2.052	2.057	1.980	1.980	2.102	2.104	2.135	2.150	1.995	2.003
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular....1/2 gal.	2.060	2.092	2.308	2.270	1.886	1.894	1.983	2.114	2.190	2.190
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored....1/2 pt.	.480	.513	NA	NA	.529	.524	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982	June 1982	July 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious...lb.	$0.722	$0.733	$0.693	$0.770	$0.741	$0.715	$0.756	$0.770	$0.699	$0.683
Bananas...lb.	.381	.344	.385	.349	.365	.351	.401	.369	.371	.308
Oranges, navel...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia...lb.	.479	.521	.508	.515	.510	.516	.419	.500	.485	.551
Cherries...lb.	1.897	1.186	1.975	1.170	1.867	1.295	1.893	1.309	NA	1.086
Grapefruit...lb.	.362	.396	.346	.390	.364	.429	.370	.421	.383	.362
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless...lb.	NA	1.216	NA	1.319	NA	1.185	NA	1.102	NA	NA
Lemons...lb.	.846	.883	.853	.859	.859	.877	.879	.917	.788	.897
Peaches...lb.	.703	.612	.625	.584	.782	.647	.794	.605	.664	.639
Pears, Anjou...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.741	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint...12oz.	.778	.775	NA	NA	.830	.813	.772	.724	.727	.715
Potatoes, white...lb.	.250	.278	.231	.250	.269	.305	.224	.265	.277	.289
Lettuce, iceberg... lb.	.503	.487	.528	.502	.508	.489	.544	.514	.432	.440
Tomatoes, field grown...lb.	.869	.837	.854	.913	.924	.892	.828	.772	.889	.786
Beans, green, snap... lb.	.898	.670	.891	.688	NA	NA	.755	.665	1.060	.661
Cabbage...lb.	.465	.318	.453	.319	.488	.313	.451	.304	.481	.378
Carrots, short trimmed and topped...lb.	.354	.350	.366	.346	.388	.379	.390	.402	.298	.293
Celery...lb.	.504	.465	.509	.468	.532	.489	.558	.546	.440	.387
Corn on the cob...lb.	.446	.439	.427	.440	.485	.418	.446	.458	.409	.427
Cucumbers...lb.	.455	.405	.422	.384	.421	.368	.489	.433	.521	.475
Mushrooms...lb.	1.924	1.906	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.247	2.112
Onions, dry yellow...lb.	.347	.350	.364	.381	.356	.350	.386	.385	.277	.270
Onions, green (scallions)...lb.	1.060	1.093	NA	NA	1.310	1.260	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet...lb.	1.058	.805	.937	.632	1.059	.961	1.203	.877	1.130	.823
Radishes... lb.	.671	.593	.704	.621	.690	.631	.767	.756	.589	.456
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can...16oz.	1.483	1.442	1.626	1.608	1.412	1.362	1.434	1.386	1.558	1.520
Potatoes, frozen, French fried...lb.	NA	.673	NA	NA	.631	.646	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole...lb.	.553	.556	NA	NA	.575	.577	.558	.556	.539	.549
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid...lb.	1.781	1.799	1.822	1.826	1.516	1.544	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes... lb.	.341	.348	.364	.398	.314	.317	.335	.341	.350	.359
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg...lb.	.330	.337	.366	.374	.312	.315	.319	.328	.324	.332
Jelly...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs..lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.945
Shortening, vegetable oil blends...lb.	.800	.792	.906	.899	.771	.775	.740	.726	.812	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk...16oz.	.271	.265	.273	.272	.255	.247	.291	.282	.290	.287
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.268	.276
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk...16oz.	.472	.454	.473	.459	.477	.474	.463	.450	.477	.435
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes...lb.	2.527	2.502	2.527	2.534	2.515	2.468	2.566	2.527	2.486	2.489
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can..lb.	2.595	2.566	2.513	2.527	2.742	2.667	2.534	2.494	2.551	2.559
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz...16oz.	6.756	6.783	NA	NA	6.721	6.618	6.618	6.656	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz...16oz.	10.569	10.401	NA	NA	10.650	10.667	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips...16oz.	2.385	2.394	2.397	2.450	2.244	2.254	2.455	2.436	2.512	2.464
Pork and beans, canned...16oz.	.430	.427	.413	.417	.441	.434	.411	.401	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

Average Residential Prices Affected by the Correction to the Natural Gas Component, U.S. City Average and Selected Areas

Market Basket	FEBRUARY 1982						MARCH 1982					
	Previously Published			Revised			Previously Published			Revised		
	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms
U.S. City Average	.507	21.257	47.777	.506	21.152	47.518	.536	22.516	50.867	.521	21.857	49.400
Northeast/B							.664	26.585	59.055	.681	27.491	61.007
North Central/B	.457	22.409	46.956	.438	22.033	45.854	.481	23.359	49.632	.463	22.977	48.692
Northeast/C							1.027	35.897	84.056	.756	24.412	54.695
North Central/D							.450	20.977	44.876	.384	18.536	39.473
South/D	.558	22.179	53.686	.585	22.449	53.933	.572	22.742	55.041	.594	23.482	55.705
Northeast Region							.736	28.603	63.814	.712	27.824	61.711
North Central Region	.461	21.124	46.529	.459	20.954	46.353	.473	21.651	47.814	.471	21.461	47.626
South Region	.517	21.045	47.766	.506	20.705	46.150	.542	22.453	51.109	.535	22.383	50.238
West Region							.431	16.232	38.916	.428	16.117	38.507

Average Residential Prices Affected by the Correction to the Natural Gas Component, U.S. City Average and Selected Areas

Market Basket	APRIL 1982						MAY 1982					
	Previously Published			Revised			Previously Published			Revised		
	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms
U.S. City Average	.544	22.917	51.855	.531	22.315	50.555	.574	23.853	55.435	.566	23.432	54.887
Northeast/B	.691	26.737	59.457	.706	27.854	61.946	.659	26.286	58.301	.667	26.807	59.308
North Central/B	.480	23.298	49.241	.460	22.862	47.976	.476	22.527	48.339	.450	21.322	46.117
Northeast/C	.965	37.005	85.528	.567	24.996	55.788	.968	37.164	85.909	.567	25.100	55.880
North Central/D	.452	21.025	45.044	.384	18.369	39.387	.474	21.968	47.268	.424	20.159	43.328
South/D	.552	21.958	53.145	.571	22.443	53.180	.552	21.959	53.146	.571	22.480	53.288
Northeast Region	.761	29.801	66.626	.737	29.187	65.043	.752	29.693	66.365	.731	29.031	64.668
North Central Region	.477	21.811	48.123	.475	21.641	47.969	.483	21.959	48.622	.480	21.760	48.420
South Region	.556	22.866	52.495	.557	23.092	52.351	.579	23.821	54.517	.586	24.273	54.815
West Region	.426	16.095	38.447	.423	15.991	38.075	.580	20.396	58.303	.578	20.309	58.020

Average Residential Prices Affected by the Correction to the Natural Gas Component, U.S. City Average and Selected Areas

Market Basket	JUNE 1982					
	Previously Published			Revised		
	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms	Per Therm	40 Therms	100 Therms
U.S. City Average	.575	23.797	55.387	.567	23.358	54.800
Northeast/B	.658	26.168	58.140	.667	26.733	59.115
North Central/B	.482	22.770	48.927	.454	21.459	46.433
Northeast/C	.968	37.173	85.917	.571	25.258	56.270
North Central/D	.475	21.959	47.335	.428	20.263	43.578
South/D	.552	21.959	53.146	.571	22.498	53.339
Northeast Region	.761	29.974	66.910	.742	29.408	65.374
North Central Region	.490	22.150	49.097	.487	21.943	48.869
South Region	.562	22.970	53.099	.565	23.216	53.089
West Region	.575	20.180	57.647	.573	20.111	57.419

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - August 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for August 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The August price for all types of gasoline decreased 0.8 cents to $1.310. The August prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.254; unleaded regular, $1.323; and leaded premium, $1.458. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Dallas and Houston.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased to $1.195 in August. In the 16 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Buffalo and lowest in St. Louis and Portland.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $38.471, up 6.8 cents from July. The price for 40 therms was $23.404, 11.9 cents lower than July. The price for 100 therms was $54.280, 30.6 cents lower than July.

FOOD (Table 4)

The U.S. average retail price declined for 45 items, advanced for 29 items, and was unchanged for 4 items.

In the cereals and bakery products group, eight items experienced lower prices, and one item was unchanged. Chocolate chip cookie prices decreased the most in the group, down 1.8 cents.

Within the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category, 18 items were down in price while 9 items were up. Beef led the lower price movement as eight of nine items declined. The sharpest decrease recorded for the entire category was for a beef item, as sirloin steak fell 13.6 cents.

Fruits and vegetables price decreases outnumbered increases by 16 to 8. Some very sharp price declines occurred among fresh vegetables, with the most significant being a 25.3 cent drop in tomato prices.

Dairy product price changes were evenly balanced as prices for two items moved up, prices for two items moved down, and prices for two items did not change.

Only in the other foods at home category was there recorded a strong upward movement as the average price rose for 10 items, fell for one item, and was unchanged for one item. Prices for sugar and for all products containing sizeable amounts of sugar increased, reflecting higher prices in the United States for raw sugar during this year. Prices were also higher for all reported coffee items. The greatest price increase in the group was recorded for freeze dried coffee, up 13 cents.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 kWh		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$23.223	$23.104	$54.584	$54.288	$38.483	$38.471	$1.390	$1.395
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.229	19.655	46.646	45.315	50.641	49.371	1.214	1.201
Detroit, Mich.	22.595	23.122	49.510	50.327	35.795	35.767	1.223	1.220
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.303	19.348	54.854	54.949	35.763	35.767	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	34.194	33.743	75.774	74.627	42.592	43.717	1.230	1.228
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	38.395	38.385	84.908	84.871	41.099	41.099	1.172	1.167
Anchorage, Alaska	9.760	9.760	19.980	19.980	28.579	28.692	1.264	1.264
Baltimore, Md.	25.320	25.630	56.560	59.810	37.880	37.880	1.171	1.174
Boston, Mass.	33.231	33.305	74.206	74.470	41.755	40.957	1.220	1.218
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.550	22.560	51.860	51.860	32.740	32.740	1.197	1.195
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	20.191	19.781	48.953	45.374	38.639	39.511	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.510	21.510	45.260	45.260	36.173	36.697	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.633	25.633	59.376	59.376	38.220	38.330	1.167	1.164
Northeast Pennsylvania	25.330	25.330	56.752	56.752	34.360	34.360	1.162	1.162
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	20.207	20.214	46.369	46.334	16.356	16.356	1.138	1.138
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	24.363	24.598	56.220	56.436	33.389	33.389	1.151	1.134
San Diego, Calif.	21.233	21.233	48.509	48.509	57.217	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.161	32.206	68.337	68.431	13.519	13.527	1.251	1.251
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	24.071	24.368	59.954	60.722	36.484	36.891	1.231	1.229
Atlanta, Ga.	23.050	22.910	51.482	51.198	30.089	30.288	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	34.840	34.440	46.193	46.760	34.227	34.575	1.263	1.262
Cleveland, Ohio	20.833	.0.833	46.004	46.004	44.758	44.506	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	15.454	13.194	34.718	28.878	40.269	38.330	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	59.360	60.010	139.480	140.950	62.056	60.450	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	23.210	50.930	50.930	38.840	38.840	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	20.679	20.497	45.961	45.511	36.187	37.079	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	21.956	22.025	51.891	52.019	33.549	33.916	1.169	1.164
Pittsburgh, Pa.	18.907	18.897	41.473	41.525	23.078	24.954	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.489	18.489	59.028	59.028	38.812	38.812	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	30.135	29.915	66.937	66.398	47.582	47.985	1.205	1.201
North Central	23.086	22.897	49.158	48.749	38.149	38.061	1.181	1.174
South	20.988	20.815	48.143	48.155	34.410	34.573	1.202	1.196
West 3/	20.558	20.184	58.788	57.619	31.457	31.495	1.191	1.187
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	30.660	30.393	68.101	67.434	49.728	50.268	1.214	1.211
North Central/A	22.168	22.196	49.693	49.724	41.788	41.442	1.187	1.180
South/A	21.348	20.936	48.881	47.174	38.818	37.462	1.202	1.203
West/A	20.210	20.237	58.233	58.282	31.856	31.859	1.235	1.220
Northeast/B	26.787	26.616	59.331	59.662	38.552	38.274	1.167	1.169
North Central/B	21.524	21.569	48.427	48.772	30.578	30.883	1.223	1.217
South/B	19.345	20.845	44.612	48.623	30.855	30.955	1.205	1.187
West/B 1/	21.615	20.306	51.384	58.312	31.200	31.327	1.136	1.138
Northeast/C	25.248	24.168	56.225	56.359	39.190	39.231	1.220	1.209
North Central/C	21.060	21.353	46.057	46.651	27.775	28.553	1.192	1.183
South/C	22.712	22.681	54.952	54.956	30.644	31.628	NA	NA
West/C	18.212	18.588	44.587	47.756	28.672	28.568	1.264	1.264
Northeast/D	32.709	32.674	74.635	74.382	35.781	35.879	1.234	1.232
North Central/D	22.303	20.451	43.847	43.871	30.043	30.350	1.128	1.120
South/D	23.175	22.675	54.972	55.024	35.409	37.386	1.167	1.152
West/D	20.060	20.461	46.076	48.755	30.398	30.837	1.100	1.101

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Table 2. Average residential units prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas July 1982	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas Aug. 1982	Range of therm consumption for Aug. 1982 Low	Range of therm consumption for Aug. 1982 High	Average price per kwh of electricity July 1982	Average price per kwh of electricity Aug. 1982	Range of kwh consumption for Aug. 1982 Low	Range of kwh consumption for Aug. 1982 High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.565	$0.562	1	7,688	$0.079	$0.079	3	9,702
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.441	.427	30	701	.101	.099	168	2,404
Detroit, Mich.	.496	.501	21	694	.085	.085	85	1,671
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.549	.550	9	352	.074	.074	14	6,136
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.948	.940	3	660	.100	.100	38	1,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.487	.486	19	257	.086	.085	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.100	.100	65	1,688	.056	.055	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.623	.633	10	190	.075	.075	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.797	.799	5	291	.086	.087	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.544	.544	21	309	.073	.073	44	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.716	.680	13	334	.073	.075	366	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.748	.748	3	52	.072	.073	101	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.616	.616	8	235	.073	.073	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.631	10	213	.066	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.676	.677	34	138	.037	.037	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.538	.539	35	275	.065	.065	204	2,300
San Diego, Calif.	.561	.561	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,124
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.770	.771	5	300	.035	.035	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.636	.643	4	182	.077	.076	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.636	.631	6	418	.066	.065	337	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.557	.560	30	384	.069	.070	41	2,604
Cleveland, Ohio	.560	.560	3	369	.067	.068	205	5,078
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	---	.344	3	169	.076	.072	263	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	---	1.015	3	95	.119	.116	300	6,453
Houston, Tex.	---	.683	83	297	.064	.064	262	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	---	.677	20	191	.069	.070	45	3,182
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.552	.563	16	563	.064	.068	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.401	.403	92	278	.071	.073	31	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.616	.616	10	350	.088	.088	14	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.767	.766	3	660	.103	.103	8	9,782
North Central	.492	.491	1	781	.080	.079	18	5,070
South	.616	.613	2	500	.071	.071	3	7,390
West 3/	.585	.575	5	1,688	.066	.066	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.773	.769	3	660	.108	.109	31	5,835
North Central/A	.498	.497	1	781	.083	.085	18	5,070
South/A	.538	.532	2	618	.079	.076	110	7,390
West/A	.590	.590	5	142	.064	.066	14	9,867
Northeast/B	.668	.671	3	218	.061	.061	8	2,689
North Central/B	.455	.457	60	609	.041	.040	18	2,565
South/B	.468	.482	2	500	.043	.040	186	6,974
West/B 1/	.594	.562	13	334	.067	.067	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.573	.571	5	386	.080	.081	9	9,782
North Central/C	.463	.470	1	493	.054	.057	108	3,626
South/C	.537	.541	6	388	.064	.067	55	6,012
West/C	.683	.693	11	1,688	.066	.061	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.909	.908	9	783	.060	.060	117	3,196
North Central/D	.630	.630	63	685	.060	.060	18	2,560
South/D	.587	.611	4	320	.069	.072	58	5,180
West/D	.688	.696	18	594	.055	.055	67	6,030

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.318	$1.310	$1.263	$1.254	$1.331	$1.323	$1.450	$1.458
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.363	1.346	1.313	1.296	1.373	1.355	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.347	1.337	1.297	1.287	1.359	1.346	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.341	1.342	1.275	1.275	1.342	1.353	1.437	1.447
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.329	1.328	1.258	1.257	1.329	1.328	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.263	1.262	1.200	1.197	1.261	1.259	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.417	1.421	1.378	1.382	1.439	1.444	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.372	1.368	1.311	1.308	1.360	1.355	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.288	1.285	1.253	1.251	1.298	1.293	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.307	1.294	1.255	1.243	1.331	1.321	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.252	1.257	1.219	1.224	1.292	1.295	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.345	1.360	1.251	1.265	1.369	1.390	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.319	1.311	1.291	1.283	1.328	1.320	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.236	1.237	1.203	1.204	1.250	1.250	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.353	1.351	1.301	1.298	1.375	1.374	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.259	1.243	1.209	1.193	1.267	1.252	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.371	1.375	1.290	1.292	1.385	1.388	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.309	1.309	1.268	1.267	1.304	1.305	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.353	1.347	1.291	1.283	1.338	1.332	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.369	1.358	1.293	1.281	1.368	1.358	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.306	1.302	1.262	1.256	1.318	1.315	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.364	1.351	1.320	1.306	1.365	1.356	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.241	1.231	1.189	1.175	1.248	1.239	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.533	1.537	1.466	1.473	1.536	1.541	1.580	1.580
Houston, Tex.	1.246	1.231	1.175	1.159	1.250	1.234	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.319	1.297	1.276	1.252	1.351	1.326	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.337	1.308	1.296	1.267	1.375	1.347	1.389	NA
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.299	1.297	1.242	1.243	1.308	1.306	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.404	1.396	1.332	1.323	1.422	1.414	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.308	1.308	1.250	1.251	1.310	1.311	NA	NA
North Central	1.327	1.308	1.283	1.264	1.349	1.331	1.374	1.368
South	1.295	1.285	1.236	1.226	1.308	1.297	NA	NA
West	1.348	1.349	1.280	1.280	1.360	1.362	1.459	1.469
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.307	1.306	1.243	1.241	1.309	1.308	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.334	1.319	1.284	1.269	1.350	1.334	1.347	1.328
South/A	1.293	1.284	1.226	1.215	1.291	1.282	NA	NA
West/A	1.347	1.346	1.282	1.280	1.357	1.356	1.437	1.446
Northeast/B	1.279	1.287	1.226	1.237	1.293	1.300	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.330	1.313	1.271	1.257	1.353	1.333	NA	NA
South/B	1.287	1.277	1.226	1.217	1.313	1.299	NA	NA
West/B	1.372	1.381	1.294	1.301	1.376	1.390	1.508	1.522
Northeast/C	1.324	1.325	1.272	1.273	1.320	1.319	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.327	1.292	1.293	1.255	1.358	1.327	NA	NA
South/C	1.290	1.285	1.241	1.234	1.312	1.307	NA	NA
West/C	1.342	1.330	1.277	1.268	1.364	1.349	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.317	1.318	1.275	1.275	1.320	1.325	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.299	1.299	1.277	1.277	1.326	1.324	NA	NA
South/D	1.318	1.305	1.265	1.251	1.335	1.317	NA	NA
West/D	1.275	1.289	1.243	1.254	1.307	1.324	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, 1lb.	$0.232	$0.227	$0.260	$0.259	$0.211	$0.204	NA	NA	$0.228	$0.227
Rice, white, long grain, precooked, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, 1lb.	.496	.494	.645	NA	NA	NA	$0.423	$0.418	.481	.482
Spaghetti, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan, 1lb.	.534	.534	.617	.617	.529	.526	.497	.496	.503	.508
Bread, French, 1lb.	.919	.917	NA	NA	NA	NA	.845	.829	.975	.990
Bread, rye, pan, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, 1lb.	.810	.804	NA	NA	.811	.809	.772	.754	.809	.803
Bread, wheat blend, pan, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger, 1lb.	.820	.807	NA	NA	.997	NA	.704	.723	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate, 1lb.	1.809	1.805	1.742	1.748	1.735	1.688	NA	1.938	1.877	1.883
Cookies, chocolate chip, 1lb.	1.750	1.732	1.904	1.813	NA	NA	1.689	1.641	1.741	1.722
Crackers, soda, salted, 1lb.	.914	.904	NA	NA	.895	.869	.861	.877	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, 1lb.	1.786	1.761	1.808	1.768	1.748	1.725	1.856	1.839	1.710	1.699
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	1.835	1.796	1.797	1.749	1.816	1.791	1.862	1.859	1.857	1.754
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless, 1lb.	2.714	2.622	2.630	2.579	2.653	2.589	2.818	2.780	2.868	2.523
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	3.387	3.359	3.430	3.436	3.345	3.275	3.327	3.329	3.501	3.448
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless, 1lb.	3.018	2.958	3.076	3.011	2.971	2.881	3.225	3.225	2.769	2.673
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	3.364	3.228	3.390	3.183	3.249	3.119	3.467	3.425	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	1.836	1.886	1.877	2.004	1.818	1.814	1.883	1.932	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	4.133	4.050	NA	NA	4.204	4.144	4.062	3.938	3.911	3.777
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in, 1lb.	4.225	4.112	4.326	4.270	4.184	3.960	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, 1lb.	2.101	2.200	2.124	2.161	2.094	2.211	2.093	2.222	2.095	2.196
Chops, center cut, bone-in, 1lb.	2.503	2.509	2.484	2.514	2.363	2.361	2.549	2.542	2.707	2.715
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, 1lb.	1.433	1.414	1.475	1.534	NA	NA	1.437	1.427	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked, 1lb.	1.375	1.371	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.320	1.369	1.596	1.620
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked, 1lb.	1.274	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.221	1.249	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.714	1.745	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in, 1lb.	1.825	1.805	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.881	1.902
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked, 1lb.	1.184	1.188	1.286	1.280	NA	NA	1.139	1.156	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose, 1lb.	1.949	1.958	NA	NA	1.979	2.008	1.900	1.912	1.971	1.941
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs, 1lb.	2.655	2.663	2.755	2.770	2.604	2.582	2.652	2.684	2.630	2.647
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat, 1lb.	1.861	1.871	1.846	1.856	1.868	1.878	1.947	1.906	1.739	1.820
Bologna, 1lb.	2.289	2.281	2.519	2.533	2.197	2.172	2.221	2.204	2.364	2.387
Beef liver, 1lb.	1.045	1.007	.949	.994	1.054	.981	1.109	1.099	1.053	.927
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole, 1lb.	.740	.717	.781	.766	.723	.701	.697	.679	.773	.734
Chicken breast, bone-in, 1lb.	1.480	1.486	1.420	1.408	1.517	1.515	1.428	1.472	1.679	1.663
Chicken legs, bone-in, 1lb.	1.102	1.082	.961	.933	NA	NA	1.181	1.171	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, 1lb.	.941	.966	1.050	1.025	.929	.890	.918	.950	.852	.997
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, 1lb.	2.470	2.462	2.532	2.490	2.488	2.440	2.418	2.479	2.407	2.432
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, doz.	.851	.778	.944	.878	.796	.734	.829	.745	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, doz.	.860	.797	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.893	.847
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, 1/2 gal.	1.123	1.122	1.100	1.102	1.113	1.110	1.230	1.229	1.048	1.048
Milk, fresh, skim, 1/2 gal.	.978	.983	NA	NA	.999	1.003	NA	NA	.871	.871
Milk, fresh, low fat, 1/2 gal.	1.064	1.064	1.044	1.042	1.053	1.061	1.190	1.179	1.027	1.027
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, 1lb.	2.057	2.057	1.980	1.985	2.104	2.093	2.150	2.135	2.003	2.020
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, 1/2 gal.	2.092	2.095	2.270	2.300	1.894	1.890	2.114	2.115	2.190	2.181
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, 1/2 pt.	.513	.511	NA	NA	.524	.525	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious, 1lb.	$0.733	$0.683	$0.770	$0.723	$0.715	$0.722	$0.770	$0.735	$0.683	$0.562
Bananas, 1lb.	.344	.332	.349	.323	.351	.343	.369	.355	.308	.308
Oranges, navel, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, 1lb.	.521	.551	.515	.549	.516	.570	.500	.528	.551	.561
Cherries, 1lb.	1.186	NA	1.170	NA	1.295	NA	1.309	NA	1.086	NA
Grapefruit, 1lb.	.396	.411	.390	.411	.429	.444	.421	.454	.362	.349
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless, 1lb.	1.216	1.023	1.319	1.116	1.185	1.031	1.102	1.033	NA	.890
Lemons, 1lb.	.883	.893	.859	.833	.877	.911	.917	.927	.897	.956
Peaches, 1lb.	.612	.725	.584	.754	.647	.703	.605	.731	.639	.678
Pears, Anjou, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, 12oz.	.775	NA	NA	NA	.813	.948	.724	NA	.715	1.003
Potatoes, white, 1lb.	.278	.235	.250	.183	.305	.257	.265	.232	.289	.271
Lettuce, iceberg, 1lb.	.487	.473	.502	.510	.489	.451	.514	.514	.440	.410
Tomatoes, field grown, 1lb.	.837	.584	.913	.608	.892	.629	.772	.574	.786	.525
Beans, green, snap, 1lb.	.670	.606	.688	.606	NA	NA	.665	.629	.661	.580
Cabbage, 1lb.	.318	.252	.319	.266	.313	.204	.304	.257	.378	.331
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, 1lb.	.350	.336	.346	.337	.379	.360	.402	.392	.293	.280
Celery, 1lb.	.465	.359	.468	.357	.489	.375	.546	.426	.387	.300
Corn on the cob, 1lb.	.439	.324	.440	.257	.418	.307	.458	.406	.427	.340
Cucumbers, 1lb.	.405	.382	.384	.362	.368	.356	.433	.456	.475	.388
Mushrooms, 1lb.	1.906	1.789	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.112	2.031
Onions, dry yellow, 1lb.	.350	.334	.381	.378	.350	.324	.385	.367	.270	.248
Onions, green (scallions), 1lb.	1.093	1.247	NA	NA	1.260	1.407	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, 1lb.	.805	.651	.632	.565	.961	.733	.877	.760	.823	.560
Radishes, 1lb.	.593	.621	.621	.662	.631	.627	.756	.752	.456	.528
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can, 16oz.	1.442	1.454	1.608	1.606	1.362	1.384	1.386	1.376	1.520	1.549
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, 1lb.	.673	.601	NA	NA	.646	.647	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole, 1lb.	.556	.560	NA	NA	.577	.576	.556	.558	.549	.556
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid, 1lb.	1.799	1.816	1.826	1.855	1.544	1.556	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes, 1lb.	.348	.352	.398	.399	.317	.319	.341	.351	.359	.363
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, 1lb.	.337	.342	.374	.378	.315	.317	.328	.338	.332	.337
Jelly, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs, 1lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.945	.951
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, 1lb.	.792	.792	.899	.893	.775	.760	.726	.736	NA	.802
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk, 16oz.	.265	.272	.272	.301	.247	.258	.282	.285	.287	.276
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.276	.269
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk, 16oz.	.454	.465	.459	.456	.474	.480	.450	.455	.435	.469
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, 1lb.	2.502	2.515	2.534	2.538	2.468	2.487	2.527	2.533	2.489	2.520
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, 1lb.	2.566	2.579	2.527	2.530	2.667	2.672	2.494	2.504	2.559	2.637
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz, 16oz.	6.783	6.815	NA	NA	6.618	6.675	6.656	6.667	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz, 16oz.	10.401	10.531	NA	NA	10.667	10.673	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, 16oz.	2.394	2.424	2.450	2.458	2.254	2.292	2.436	2.455	2.484	2.567
Pork and beans, canned, 16oz.	.427	.426	.417	.412	.434	.444	.401	.402	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for September 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The September price for all types of gasoline decreased 1.5 cents to $1.295. The September prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.236; unleaded regular, $1.308; and leaded premium, $1.441. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Houston.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased to $1.191 in September. In the 17 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Buffalo and lowest in Atlanta.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $38.265, down 20.6 cents from August. The price for 40 therms was $23.783, 67.9 cents higher than August. The price for 100 therms was $56.804, $2.534 higher than August.

Food (Table 4)

The U.S. average retail price increased for 32 items and declined for 46 items in September 1982.

Five increases and four decreases were recorded for items in the cereals and bakery products group this month. Changes ranged from a decline of 3.0 cents for salted soda crackers to an increase of 2.9 cents for chocolate chip cookies.

Large changes in price levels were reported for many meats, poultry, fish, and eggs items in September. Notably, average prices for all published pork items were higher. The largest increase in the group was for bacon, up 16.0 cents, with rump or shank halves and rump portions of ham posting sizeable changes as well. The largest decrease was for T-Bone steak, down 11.0 cents.

Two increases and four decreases were reported for dairy products. Average prices for all milk items were lower. The largest increase was for ice cream, up 1.0 cents, while the largest decrease was for fresh skim milk, down 1.1 cents.

Decreases outnumbered increases by an eighteen to six margin in the fruits and vegetables group. The changes spanned a wide range of values extending from a 16.9 cents decline for Thompson seedless grapes to an 11.0 cents increase for mushrooms. Five declines were greater than a nickel.

Average prices were higher for five items and lower for seven items in the other foods at home category in September. The largest change was a decline of 18.2 cents for instant coffee in 9.1 - 14 oz. containers. Changes in the group were generally small and all increases were less than one-half cent.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms Aug. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms Sept. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms Aug. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms Sept. 1982	Electricity per 500 kWh Aug. 1982	Electricity per 500 kWh Sept. 1982	Fuel oil #2 per gallon Aug. 1982	Fuel oil #2 per gallon Sept. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$23.104	$23.783	$36.280	$36.804	$38.671	$38.263	$1.193	$1.191
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	19.633	20.039	45.213	46.211	49.371	49.371	1.201	1.197
Detroit, Mich.	23.122	23.281	30.327	30.622	33.767	33.677	1.220	1.212
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.368	19.338	30.948	30.936	33.767	36.067	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	33.765	34.033	74.627	75.514	63.717	63.961	1.228	1.228
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	36.383	38.598	69.871	70.369	41.099	40.222	1.167	1.168
Anchorage, Alaska	9.760	9.760	19.960	19.960	28.692	28.323	1.206	1.185
Baltimore, Md.	23.638	23.910	39.810	40.490	37.688	37.490	1.174	1.172
Boston, Mass.	33.503	33.634	74.470	73.829	40.957	40.598	1.218	1.218
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.360	22.300	31.860	31.720	32.740	32.740	1.183	1.173
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	19.781	26.223	43.376	61.323	39.311	39.228	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.310	21.310	43.240	43.240	36.697	36.697	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.633	25.633	39.376	39.376	38.330	38.640	1.148	1.136
Northeast Pennsylvania	23.330	28.226	36.752	62.020	36.360	36.360	1.162	1.166
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.214	28.214	46.334	46.334	16.336	16.613	1.138	1.138
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	24.594	25.636	34.436	36.594	33.309	33.309	1.136	1.131
San Diego, Calif.	21.233	21.233	66.409	66.489	37.217	37.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.206	32.206	48.431	48.431	13.327	13.327	1.231	1.231
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	26.368	30.333	60.722	66.772	36.091	33.836	1.220	1.221
Atlanta, Ga.	22.910	22.336	51.130	51.094	30.298	30.366	NA	1.123
Buffalo, N.Y.	26.990	29.065	36.760	46.918	36.373	36.373	1.262	1.259
Cleveland, Ohio	20.833	22.373	46.084	50.083	44.884	45.436	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	13.193	18.661	28.870	42.567	38.330	36.773	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	60.810	62.320	140.930	146.790	60.450	61.390	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	23.210	24.440	30.930	34.010	38.860	38.830	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	20.497	21.619	45.311	46.413	37.879	37.895	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	22.025	22.815	33.019	33.634	33.916	34.799	1.166	1.156
Pittsburgh, Pa.	18.897	21.437	41.523	47.932	34.934	34.934	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.489	18.013	59.028	61.328	34.812	33.640	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	29.913	31.032	66.390	69.123	47.985	47.986	1.201	1.199
North Central	22.097	22.709	49.263	50.662	39.061	38.706	1.176	1.163
South	20.815	23.443	48.135	53.384	34.573	34.240	1.194	1.186
West 1/	20.184	19.831	37.419	39.174	31.473	31.337	1.187	1.188
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	30.393	31.666	67.036	70.071	50.248	50.071	1.211	1.211
North Central/A	22.196	22.393	49.726	50.369	41.442	41.093	1.180	1.173
South/A	20.536	24.327	47.179	55.039	37.492	36.932	1.203	1.183
West/A	20.237	19.392	38.292	39.471	31.830	31.727	1.229	1.232
Northeast/B	26.919	28.798	59.662	63.861	39.276	40.388	1.169	1.169
North Central/B	21.599	23.866	46.772	52.371	38.083	39.631	1.217	1.205
South/B	20.865	21.811	48.023	48.896	30.933	30.819	1.187	1.166
West/B 1/	20.306	21.066	38.112	40.392	31.227	31.121	1.132	1.138
Northeast/C	25.168	26.031	36.159	38.455	39.221	38.461	1.209	1.211
North Central/C	21.359	22.060	46.031	48.128	38.353	38.696	1.183	1.166
South/C	22.881	23.332	34.936	34.767	31.620	31.638	NA	NA
West/C	18.380	18.380	47.736	47.736	28.368	28.062	1.246	1.185
Northeast/D	32.674	33.634	74.382	76.874	33.879	35.708	1.232	1.233
North Central/D	20.431	20.459	43.871	43.970	30.330	30.090	1.120	1.113
South/D	23.673	23.743	35.026	33.693	37.398	37.309	1.192	1.196
West/D	20.461	20.337	48.735	48.311	20.837	20.916	1.101	1.101

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 383,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 383,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA Data not adequate for publication.

Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas Aug. 1982	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas Sept. 1982	Range of therm consumption for Sept. 1982 Low	Range of therm consumption for Sept. 1982 High	Average price per KWH of electricity Aug. 1982	Average price per KWH of electricity Sept. 1982	Range of KWH consumption for Sept. 1982 Low	Range of KWH consumption for Sept. 1982 High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.562	$0.577	1	1,688	$0.079	$0.079	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.627	.637	30	781	.099	.099	166	2,666
Detroit, Mich.	.581	.583	21	699	.089	.089	83	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.530	.530	9	352	.076	.076	14	4,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.946	.946	3	960	.164	.167	26	3,160
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.686	.743	10	257	.083	.083	133	2,387
Anchorage, Alaska	.188	.188	65	1,688	.035	.036	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.633	.648	10	190	.075	.076	157	2,698
Boston, Mass.	.799	.861	5	291	.087	.086	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.546	.542	21	389	.073	.073	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.638	.642	13	336	.073	.076	386	6,973
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.073	.073	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.616	.616	8	235	.073	.076	178	2,383
Northeast Pennsylvania	.631	.712	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.677	.677	36	130	.037	.037	323	4,373
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.539	.540	33	273	.063	.063	204	2,108
San Diego, Calif.	.561	.561	5	113	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.771	.771	3	300	.023	.023	210	6,137
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.643	.699	3	142	.076	.076	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.631	.393	3	175	.063	.066	237	5,343
Buffalo, N.Y.	.360	.661	30	284	.070	.069	61	3,608
Cleveland, Ohio	.500	.548	3	369	.088	.089	203	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.344	.482	3	169	.072	.069	203	5,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	1.915	1.973	3	53	.116	.118	300	4,653
Houston, Tex.	.483	.516	83	297	.086	.086	262	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.677	.696	20	191	.070	.070	63	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.543	.551	16	361	.064	.068	18	1,836
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.623	.660	71	270	.073	.073	21	5,033
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.616	.491	12	139	.088	.085	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.750	.782	3	960	.103	.103	3	9,782
North Central	.691	.587	1	701	.079	.078	18	3,670
South	.513	.564	2	300	.071	.071	3	7,290
West 1/	.573	.566	3	1,688	.064	.063	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.769	.756	3	960	.109	.109	21	5,033
North Central/A	.697	.587	3	701	.085	.086	18	3,670
South/A	.521	.594	3	297	.076	.073	110	7,290
West/A	.390	.332	3	332	.066	.066	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.671	.701	3	399	.081	.081	8	2,889
North Central/B	.457	.313	60	609	.060	.059	184	2,963
South/B	.482	.487	2	300	.063	.063	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.362	.368	13	334	.067	.067	33	9,301
Northeast/C	.571	.593	5	306	.081	.079	9	9,782
North Central/C	.670	.686	1	693	.057	.058	168	3,626
South/C	.341	.334	6	280	.067	.067	3	6,812
West/C	.493	.493	11	1,688	.061	.059	120	7,636
Northeast/D	.988	.932	5	282	.068	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.630	.630	43	483	.060	.061	18	2,360
South/D	.611	.617	6	320	.072	.073	38	5,188
West/D	.496	.494	18	236	.036	.036	97	6,038

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 383,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 383,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.310	$1.295	$1.254	$1.236	$1.323	$1.308	$1.458	$1.441
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.346	1.330	1.296	1.279	1.355	1.339	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.337	1.308	1.287	1.261	1.346	1.316	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.362	1.308	1.275	1.233	1.353	1.320	1.447	1.421
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.328	1.327	1.257	1.255	1.328	1.328	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.262	1.249	1.197	1.188	1.259	1.250	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.421	1.416	1.382	1.372	1.444	1.443	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.368	1.334	1.308	1.295	1.355	1.341	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.285	1.283	1.251	1.249	1.293	1.291	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.296	1.291	1.243	1.238	1.321	1.314	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.257	1.263	1.224	1.228	1.293	1.306	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.360	1.356	1.265	1.261	1.390	1.389	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.311	1.296	1.283	1.266	1.320	1.303	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.237	1.228	1.204	1.195	1.250	1.240	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.351	1.332	1.298	1.270	1.376	1.359	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.243	1.223	1.193	1.169	1.252	1.232	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.373	1.356	1.292	1.270	1.388	1.371	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.309	1.288	1.267	1.246	1.305	1.285	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.367	1.333	1.283	1.270	1.332	1.320	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.338	1.289	1.281	1.219	1.358	1.306	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.302	1.301	1.236	1.253	1.315	1.316	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.331	1.334	1.306	1.289	1.356	1.352	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.231	1.217	1.175	1.158	1.239	1.226	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.537	1.539	1.473	1.468	1.541	1.547	1.580	1.580
Houston, Tex.	1.231	1.204	1.159	1.137	1.234	1.203	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.297	1.278	1.252	1.242	1.326	1.316	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.308	1.312	1.267	1.276	1.347	1.348	NA	NA
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.297	1.296	1.243	1.237	1.306	1.302	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.396	1.369	1.323	1.282	1.414	1.388	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.308	1.299	1.251	1.242	1.311	1.303	NA	NA
North Central	1.308	1.291	1.264	1.247	1.331	1.313	1.368	NA
South	1.285	1.269	1.226	1.209	1.297	1.282	NA	NA
West	1.349	1.330	1.280	1.256	1.362	1.344	1.469	1.454
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.306	1.302	1.241	1.237	1.308	1.305	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.319	1.300	1.269	1.251	1.334	1.315	1.328	NA
South/A	1.284	1.265	1.215	1.196	1.282	1.263	NA	NA
West/A	1.346	1.323	1.280	1.248	1.356	1.336	1.496	1.429
Northeast/B	1.287	1.259	1.237	1.216	1.300	1.272	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.313	1.293	1.257	1.233	1.333	1.315	NA	NA
South/B	1.277	1.267	1.217	1.206	1.299	1.292	NA	NA
West/B	1.361	1.371	1.301	1.288	1.390	1.375	1.522	1.508
Northeast/C	1.325	1.325	1.273	1.268	1.319	1.321	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.292	1.273	1.255	1.235	1.327	1.304	NA	NA
South/C	1.285	1.269	1.234	1.215	1.307	1.292	NA	NA
West/C	1.330	1.317	1.268	1.256	1.349	1.332	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.312	1.318	1.275	1.277	1.325	1.326	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.299	1.293	1.277	1.270	1.324	1.319	NA	NA
South/D	1.303	1.286	1.251	1.231	1.317	1.298	NA	NA
West/D	1.289	1.277	1.254	1.242	1.324	1.315	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:

A-1	-	More than 4,000,000.
A-2	-	1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B	-	385,000 to 1,250,000.
C	-	75,000 to 385,000.
D	-	Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose.....lb.	$0.227	$0.223	$0.259	$0.254	$0.204	$0.202	NA	NA	$0.227	$0.219
Rice, white, long grain, precooked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked.....lb.	.694	.691	NA	NA	NA	NA	$0.418	$0.391	.682	.679
Spaghetti.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan.....lb.	.534	.536	.617	.622	.526	.515	.496	.499	.508	.524
Bread, French.....lb.	.917	.918	NA	NA	NA	NA	.829	.839	.990	.969
Bread, rye, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan.....lb.	.804	.814	NA	NA	.809	.798	.756	.809	.803	.806
Bread, wheat blend, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger.....lb.	.807	.780	NA	NA	NA	.737	.723	.749	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate.....lb.	1.803	1.826	1.798	NA	1.688	1.705	1.938	NA	1.883	1.919
Cookies, chocolate chip.....lb.	1.732	1.761	1.813	1.920	NA	NA	1.661	1.652	1.722	1.732
Crackers, soda, salted.....lb.	.904	.874	NA	NA	.869	.892	.877	.821	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef.....lb.	1.761	1.769	1.768	1.782	1.723	1.735	1.839	1.836	1.699	1.718
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.796	1.806	1.769	1.671	1.791	1.810	1.859	1.888	1.734	1.778
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.622	2.618	2.579	2.598	2.589	2.596	2.780	2.731	2.523	2.539
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.359	3.311	3.436	3.408	3.275	3.209	3.329	3.298	3.448	3.357
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.938	2.998	3.011	3.039	2.881	2.822	3.225	3.182	2.673	2.882
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.228	3.195	3.183	3.150	3.119	3.115	3.425	3.358	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.886	1.880	2.004	1.811	1.814	1.836	1.932	1.949	NA	NA
Steak, T-bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	4.030	3.980	NA	NA	4.144	3.869	3.938	3.894	3.777	3.837
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	4.112	4.105	4.270	4.179	3.960	4.110	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced.....lb.	2.200	2.360	2.161	2.368	2.211	2.384	2.222	2.349	2.196	2.326
Chops, center cut, bone-in.....lb.	2.309	2.362	2.314	2.352	2.361	2.369	2.362	2.432	2.715	2.702
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.614	1.526	1.534	1.373	NA	NA	1.427	1.553	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.371	1.453	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.369	1.381	1.620	1.687
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.249	1.287	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.763	1.797	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in.....lb.	1.803	1.819	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.902	1.826
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.188	1.225	1.280	1.237	NA	NA	1.136	1.211	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose.....lb.	1.958	2.008	NA	NA	2.008	2.094	1.912	1.975	1.961	1.875
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs.....lb.	2.663	2.670	2.770	2.739	2.582	2.648	2.684	2.644	2.647	2.664
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat.....lb.	1.871	1.870	1.856	1.783	1.878	1.890	1.906	1.931	1.820	1.834
Bologna.....lb.	2.281	2.228	2.533	2.412	2.172	2.120	2.206	2.193	2.367	2.330
Beef liver.....lb.	1.007	.991	.994	.990	.981	.946	1.039	1.081	.927	.913
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole.....lb.	.717	.713	.766	.739	.701	.684	.679	.684	.734	.731
Chicken breast, bone-in.....lb.	1.486	1.492	1.408	1.430	1.515	1.490	1.472	1.462	1.663	1.678
Chicken legs, bone-in.....lb.	1.082	1.062	.933	.906	NA	NA	1.171	1.137	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.....lb.	.966	.937	1.025	1.041	.890	.873	.930	.940	.997	.951
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk.....lb.	2.462	2.437	2.499	2.467	2.440	2.389	2.479	2.467	2.432	2.437
Eggs:										
Grade A, large.....doz.	.778	.852	.878	.938	.734	.793	.763	.831	NA	NA
Grade AA, large.....doz.	.797	.859	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.867	.933
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified.....1/2 gal.	1.122	1.116	1.102	1.101	1.110	1.095	1.229	1.220	1.088	1.080
Milk, fresh, skim.....1/2 gal.	.983	.972	NA	NA	1.003	.997	NA	NA	.871	.861
Milk, fresh, low fat.....1/2 gal.	1.064	1.063	1.042	1.038	1.061	1.059	1.179	1.175	1.027	1.029
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.....lb.	2.057	2.060	1.985	1.986	2.093	2.098	2.135	2.145	2.020	2.013
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular.....1/2 gal.	2.095	2.105	2.300	2.231	1.890	1.898	2.115	2.139	2.181	2.242
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored.....1/2 pt.	.511	.506	NA	NA	.325	.329	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious, lb.	$0.683	$0.627	$0.723	$0.680	$0.722	$0.633	$0.735	$0.671	$0.562	$0.537
Bananas, lb.	.332	.343	.323	.344	.343	.344	.355	.356	.308	.329
Oranges, navel, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, lb.	.331	.609	.349	.388	.370	.617	.528	.580	.561	.631
Cherries, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, lb.	.411	.383	.411	.338	.446	.425	.434	.436	.369	.348
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.005	NA	NA
Grapes, Thompson seedless, lb.	1.023	.854	1.116	.881	1.031	.860	1.033	.884	.890	.793
Lemons, lb.	.893	.880	.833	.853	.911	.838	.927	.941	.936	.906
Peaches, lb.	.725	.668	.756	.642	.703	.690	.731	.681	.678	.690
Pears, Anjou, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, 12oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.948	NA	NA	NA	1.003	NA
Potatoes, white, lb.	.235	.196	.183	.176	.257	.202	.232	.196	.273	.215
Lettuce, iceberg, lb.	.473	.437	.510	.487	.491	.430	.514	.468	.610	.383
Tomatoes, field grown, lb.	.384	.548	.408	.381	.429	.359	.376	.370	.525	.472
Beans, green, snap, lb.	.606	.664	.606	.625	NA	NA	.629	.645	.380	.713
Cabbage, lb.	.252	.230	.266	.238	.206	.188	.257	.249	.331	.269
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, lb.	.336	.309	.337	.333	.360	.331	.392	.345	.280	.260
Celery, lb.	.359	.376	.3.	.378	.375	.389	.426	.401	.300	.339
Corn on the cob, lb.	.334	.326	.257	.282	.307	.327	.406	.371	.340	.287
Cucumbers, lb.	.382	.335	.362	.329	.356	.336	.436	.357	.388	.325
Mushrooms, lb.	1.789	1.899	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.031	2.188
Onions, dry yellow, lb.	.334	.283	.378	.276	.324	.290	.367	.324	.268	.244
Onions, green (scallions), lb.	1.247	1.141	NA	NA	1.407	1.153	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, lb.	.631	.624	.565	.593	.733	.678	.760	.715	.560	.473
Radishes, lb.	.621	.612	.662	.659	.627	.609	.752	.753	.528	.528
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 16oz.	1.454	1.429	1.406	1.370	1.384	1.336	1.376	1.402	1.549	1.530
12oz. can, lb.	.601	.613	NA	NA	.467	.640	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, lb.	.560	.552	NA	NA	.576	.562	.558	.558	.556	.540
Tomatoes, canned, whole, lb.										
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid, lb.	1.816	1.812	1.855	1.807	1.536	1.560	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes, lb.	.332	.356	.399	.400	.319	.327	.351	.350	.363	.366
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, lb.	.362	.365	.378	.379	.317	.326	.338	.336	.337	.341
Jelly, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.951	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, lb.	.792	.794	.893	.885	.760	.730	.736	.730	.802	.810
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk, 16oz.	.272	.268	.301	.281	.238	.256	.285	.287	.276	.262
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.269	.267
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk, 16oz.	.465	.459	.456	.466	.480	.462	.455	.466	.469	.442
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, lb.	2.515	2.517	2.538	2.526	2.487	2.515	2.533	2.526	2.520	2.481
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, lb.	2.379	2.363	2.330	2.336	2.672	2.665	2.504	2.489	2.637	2.547
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-10 oz, 16oz.	6.815	6.633	NA	NA	6.675	6.691	6.667	6.319	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz, 16oz.	10.531	10.328	NA	NA	10.673	10.393	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, 16oz.	2.424	2.400	2.438	2.407	2.292	2.281	2.433	2.444	2.367	2.337
Pork and beans, canned, 16oz.	.426	.430	.412	.417	.444	.442	.402	.406	NA	NA

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - October 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for October 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The October price for all types of gasoline decreased 1.5 cents to $1.280. The October prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.219; unleaded regular, $1.295; and leaded premium, $1.413. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Houston.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil increased to $1.214 in October. In the 17 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and Buffalo and lowest in Minneapolis and Portland.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $37.388, down 87.7 cents from September. The price for 40 therms was $24.900, $1.117 higher than September. The price for 100 therms was $59.581, $2.777 higher than September.

Food (Table 4)

The U.S. average retail price declined for 43 items and advanced for 33 items.

In the cereals and bakery products group, average prices for five items were higher, while four were lower. The largest change was for chocolate cupcakes which dropped five cents in price.

Within the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category, 18 items were down in price while 8 items were up. All nine beef and veal items decreased with especially sharp drops of 25.8 cents, 23 cents, and 15.1 cents noted for porterhouse, sirloin, and T-bone steaks, respectively. Prices for most pork items also declined.

Fruits and vegetables price decreases outnumbered increases by a fourteen to nine margin. Average prices for eight fresh vegetable items declined, led by a 16.3 cents decrease for mushrooms. Sizeable increases were reported for the remaining six fresh vegetables. Prices decreased for four fresh fruits and increased for two.

Price levels for five of six dairy product items increased slightly, led by ice cream, up 3.1 cents.

Price changes were evenly balanced in the other foods at home category. The largest changes were for potato chips, up 3.1 cents, and hard candy, down 2.7 cents.

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Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 KWH		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$23.783	$24.900	$56.804	$59.581	$38.265	$37.388	$1.191	$1.214
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.039	20.908	46.211	48.345	49.371	40.632	1.197	1.212
Detroit, Mich.	23.241	23.632	50.622	51.599	33.477	32.629	1.212	1.216
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.338	19.348	34.938	35.913	36.087	36.482	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	34.033	34.725	75.314	77.080	63.961	63.136	1.228	1.255
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	30.390	31.996	70.349	73.895	40.222	40.222	1.168	1.196
Anchorage, Alaska	9.760	9.760	19.960	19.960	28.323	28.082	1.185	1.185
Baltimore, Md.	25.910	28.540	60.490	67.070	37.430	37.430	1.172	1.186
Boston, Mass.	33.854	35.636	75.829	80.270	40.598	39.094	1.218	1.245
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	22.500	23.280	51.720	58.660	32.740	32.740	1.173	1.194
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	26.225	27.019	61.523	63.520	39.228	38.327	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.310	21.310	45.240	45.240	36.697	36.572	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.633	25.718	59.376	59.594	38.640	37.120	1.136	1.141
Northeast Pennsylvania	28.226	28.226	62.420	62.375	34.360	34.360	1.166	1.193
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.214	28.775	66.334	67.721	16.613	16.613	1.138	1.142
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	25.636	27.106	56.594	60.264	33.309	33.309	1.131	1.131
San Diego, Calif.	21.233	23.141	66.489	73.046	37.217	37.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.206	32.206	68.431	68.431	13.527	17.857	1.251	1.275
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	30.333	31.912	66.772	70.065	35.836	34.756	1.221	1.252
Atlanta, Ga.	22.534	22.882	51.098	51.780	30.346	30.301	1.125	1.152
Buffalo, N.Y.	29.065	29.045	66.918	66.883	34.375	34.984	1.259	1.274
Cleveland, Ohio	22.579	22.579	50.085	50.085	45.436	45.336	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	18.661	26.338	42.367	60.980	36.775	37.174	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	62.320	70.180	146.790	166.650	61.590	61.780	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	24.440	24.440	54.010	54.010	38.830	37.750	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	21.659	21.851	46.413	46.770	37.895	30.884	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	22.813	24.327	53.634	58.081	34.799	32.079	1.136	1.161
Pittsburgh, Pa.	21.457	21.416	47.932	47.805	34.934	34.934	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.013	18.013	61.328	61.328	33.640	33.640	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	31.032	31.846	69.125	71.182	47.986	47.364	1.199	1.227
North Central	22.709	23.658	50.662	52.898	38.706	35.458	1.163	1.174
South	23.463	26.705	53.384	60.568	34.240	34.066	1.184	1.203
West 1/	19.831	20.047	39.174	39.890	31.337	32.112	1.188	1.201
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	31.466	32.127	70.071	71.748	50.071	49.351	1.211	1.238
North Central/A	22.593	23.287	50.509	52.268	41.095	36.988	1.173	1.183
South/A	24.327	28.190	55.039	63.795	36.952	36.650	1.185	1.210
West/A	19.392	19.503	39.471	40.320	31.727	32.896	1.232	1.252
Northeast/B	28.740	30.827	63.861	69.124	40.300	39.022	1.149	1.174
North Central/B	23.844	26.762	52.571	58.128	29.431	29.536	1.205	1.214
South/B	21.011	23.240	48.894	53.576	30.819	30.448	1.166	1.194
West/B 1/	21.086	21.218	60.392	60.769	31.121	30.973	1.138	1.142
Northeast/C	26.051	26.508	58.455	59.462	38.661	38.588	1.211	1.244
North Central/C	22.060	22.841	48.128	50.094	28.696	28.999	1.166	1.183
South/C	23.332	24.371	54.767	57.417	31.658	32.685	NA	NA
West/C	18.580	20.536	47.756	50.987	28.042	28.413	1.183	1.185
Northeast/D	33.654	32.133	76.874	73.826	35.708	35.609	1.233	1.247
North Central/D	20.459	21.832	43.970	47.610	30.490	30.800	1.113	1.114
South/D	23.743	26.157	55.693	62.453	37.509	37.198	1.194	1.203
West/D	20.357	20.788	48.511	49.530	20.916	23.537	1.101	1.116

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
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D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Oct. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Oct. 1982	
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Low	High	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.577	$0.602	1	1,688	$0.079	$0.077	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.437	.460	30	701	.099	.081	168	2,684
Detroit, Mich.	.505	.511	21	694	.080	.079	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif 2/	.550	.557	9	332	.074	.073	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.946	.966	3	460	.147	.145	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.743	.778	14	257	.083	.080	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.180	.180	65	1,688	.054	.054	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.640	.706	10	190	.074	.066	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.811	.851	5	291	.086	.083	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.542	.612	21	389	.073	.073	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.642	.662	13	334	.074	.072	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.073	.073	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.616	.618	8	233	.074	.071	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.712	.712	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.677	.690	34	130	.037	.037	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.560	.599	35	275	.065	.065	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.561	.611	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.771	.771	5	300	.025	.033	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.699	.736	5	182	.076	.071	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.393	.602	3	175	.066	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.661	.661	30	284	.069	.070	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.568	.568	3	369	.089	.089	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.682	.665	3	169	.069	.070	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 3/	1.973	2.170	3	35	.118	.118	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.514	.514	83	297	.084	.082	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.496	.501	20	191	.070	.057	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.551	.588	16	567	.068	.062	18	1,836
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.464	.462	72	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.491	.491	12	139	.085	.085	16	7,997
Region 4/								
Northeast	.782	.802	3	460	.103	.101	8	9,782
North Central	.507	.527	1	701	.078	.072	18	5,070
South	.564	.636	2	500	.071	.069	3	7,290
West 1/	.546	.569	5	1,688	.065	.067	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 4/								
Northeast/A	.798	.815	3	460	.109	.107	21	5,035
North Central/A	.507	.523	3	701	.084	.076	18	5,070
South/A	.594	.682	3	297	.075	.072	110	7,290
West/A	.532	.537	5	352	.066	.068	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.701	.750	3	399	.083	.081	8	2,889
North Central/B	.515	.561	60	609	.059	.058	186	2,965
South/B	.487	.531	2	500	.065	.064	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.588	.592	13	334	.067	.066	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.595	.604	5	306	.079	.079	9	9,782
North Central/C	.486	.506	1	493	.058	.058	108	3,626
South/C	.534	.581	6	280	.067	.069	3	4,012
West/C	.493	.482	26	1,688	.059	.060	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.932	.792	5	387	.067	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.430	.466	43	485	.061	.061	18	2,560
South/D	.617	.662	6	320	.073	.071	58	3,188
West/D	.494	.502	18	256	.036	.040	97	4,038

1/ Honolulu not included for utility (piped) gas.
2/ Revised average prices: Nov. 1981=.379; Dec. 1981=.379; Jan. 1982=.384; Feb. 1982=.384; Mar. 1981=.369; Apr. 1981=.368
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Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.293	$1.280	$1.236	$1.219	$1.308	$1.295	$1.441	$1.413
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.330	1.311	1.279	1.261	1.339	1.318	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.308	1.297	1.261	1.246	1.314	1.302	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.308	1.280	1.235	1.211	1.320	1.293	1.421	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.327	1.324	1.255	1.253	1.328	1.322	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.249	1.247	1.188	1.182	1.250	1.247	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.416	1.416	1.372	1.371	1.443	1.443	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.354	1.349	1.295	1.295	1.341	1.334	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.283	1.274	1.249	1.241	1.291	1.283	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.291	1.277	1.238	1.225	1.314	1.300	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.263	1.272	1.228	1.235	1.306	1.312	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.356	1.357	1.261	1.255	1.389	1.387	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.294	1.283	1.264	1.254	1.303	1.290	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.228	1.223	1.193	1.191	1.240	1.235	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.332	1.312	1.270	1.255	1.359	1.338	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.223	1.212	1.169	1.159	1.232	1.219	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.356	1.331	1.270	1.243	1.371	1.347	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.288	1.254	1.244	1.210	1.283	1.247	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.333	1.322	1.270	1.256	1.320	1.312	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.289	1.283	1.219	1.212	1.306	1.301	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.301	1.306	1.253	1.261	1.316	1.321	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.334	1.334	1.289	1.291	1.352	1.382	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.217	1.202	1.158	1.139	1.226	1.211	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.539	1.534	1.468	1.467	1.567	1.540	1.580	1.574
Houston, Tex.	1.204	1.192	1.137	1.118	1.203	1.190	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.278	1.259	1.242	1.221	1.316	1.298	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.312	1.311	1.276	1.269	1.348	1.351	NA	NA
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.294	1.291	1.237	1.232	1.302	1.301	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.369	1.362	1.282	1.256	1.388	1.360	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.299	1.296	1.242	1.238	1.303	1.298	NA	NA
North Central	1.291	1.277	1.247	1.230	1.313	1.300	NA	NA
South	1.269	1.258	1.209	1.195	1.282	1.273	NA	NA
West	1.330	1.295	1.256	1.220	1.344	1.312	1.454	1.421
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.302	1.299	1.237	1.234	1.305	1.300	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.300	1.289	1.251	1.237	1.315	1.304	NA	NA
South/A	1.263	1.255	1.198	1.184	1.265	1.254	NA	NA
West/A	1.323	1.295	1.268	1.222	1.336	1.308	1.429	1.393
Northeast/B	1.259	1.257	1.216	1.212	1.272	1.270	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.293	1.276	1.233	1.216	1.315	1.296	NA	NA
South/B	1.267	1.252	1.204	1.188	1.292	1.280	NA	NA
West/B	1.371	1.356	1.288	1.267	1.375	1.358	1.508	1.503
Northeast/C	1.325	1.321	1.268	1.263	1.321	1.316	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.273	1.257	1.235	1.218	1.308	1.292	NA	NA
South/C	1.269	1.264	1.215	1.209	1.292	1.291	NA	NA
West/C	1.317	1.297	1.256	1.187	1.332	1.272	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.318	1.309	1.277	1.267	1.326	1.315	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.293	1.276	1.270	1.249	1.319	1.305	NA	NA
South/D	1.286	1.268	1.231	1.209	1.298	1.281	NA	NA
West/D	1.277	1.264	1.262	1.223	1.315	1.306	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 385,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose.....lb.	$0.223	$0.221	$0.254	$0.255	$0.202	$0.193	NA	NA	$0.219	$0.220
Rice, white, long grain, precooked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked.....lb.	.491	.488	NA	NA	NA	NA	$0.391	$0.406	.479	.489
Spaghetti.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan.....lb.	.536	.534	.622	.618	.515	.523	.499	.499	.524	.509
Bread, French.....lb.	.918	.922	NA	NA	NA	NA	.839	.824	.969	.969
Bread, rye, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan.....lb.	.814	.821	NA	.823	.798	.815	.809	.821	.806	.823
Bread, wheat blend, pan.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger.....lb.	.780	.794	NA	NA	.737	.797	.744	.749	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate.....lb.	1.824	1.774	NA	NA	1.703	1.657	NA	NA	1.919	1.769
Cookies, chocolate chip.....lb.	1.761	1.789	1.920	1.948	NA	NA	1.652	1.681	1.732	1.761
Crackers, soda, salted.....lb.	.874	.893	NA	NA	.892	.910	.821	.861	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef.....lb.	1.769	1.754	1.782	1.787	1.735	1.672	1.836	1.827	1.718	1.720
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.804	1.743	1.671	1.666	1.810	1.778	1.888	1.825	1.778	1.582
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.618	2.560	2.598	2.490	2.596	2.487	2.731	2.772	2.539	2.524
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.311	3.251	3.408	3.340	3.209	3.181	3.298	3.169	3.357	3.335
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless.....lb.	2.998	2.930	3.039	2.993	2.822	2.764	3.182	3.091	2.882	2.809
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.195	2.965	3.150	2.994	3.115	2.816	3.350	3.093	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	1.840	1.773	1.811	1.740	1.856	1.820	1.949	1.843	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	3.940	3.789	NA	NA	3.869	3.858	3.894	3.552	3.837	3.679
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in.....lb.	4.105	3.847	4.179	3.998	4.110	3.757	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced.....lb.	2.360	2.334	2.368	2.308	2.384	2.366	2.349	2.287	2.326	2.380
Chops, center cut, bone-in.....lb.	2.542	2.531	2.552	2.522	2.369	2.337	2.632	2.628	2.702	2.726
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.526	1.564	1.575	1.608	NA	NA	1.553	1.620	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.453	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.381	1.520	1.687	1.751
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.287	1.405	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in.....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.797	1.737	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in.....lb.	1.819	1.813	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.826	1.867
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked.....lb.	1.225	1.197	1.237	1.121	NA	NA	1.211	1.206	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose.....lb.	2.008	1.990	NA	NA	2.094	2.082	1.975	1.986	1.873	1.744
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs.....lb.	2.670	2.734	2.739	2.813	2.648	2.703	2.644	2.723	2.664	2.802
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat.....lb.	1.870	1.883	1.783	1.864	1.890	1.801	1.931	1.971	1.854	1.902
Bologna.....lb.	2.228	2.267	2.412	2.471	2.120	2.177	2.195	2.191	2.330	2.388
Beef liver.....lb.	.991	1.003	.990	.969	.946	1.018	1.081	1.039	.918	.950
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole.....lb.	.713	.700	.739	.752	.684	.668	.684	.663	.731	.726
Chicken breast, bone-in.....lb.	1.492	1.468	1.430	1.389	1.490	1.460	1.462	1.451	1.678	1.677
Chicken legs, bone-in.....lb.	1.062	1.061	.906	.912	NA	NA	1.137	1.166	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole.....lb.	.957	.965	1.041	1.030	.873	.898	.940	.962	.951	.944
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk.....lb.	2.437	2.421	2.467	2.470	2.389	2.387	2.467	2.400	2.437	2.440
Eggs:										
Grade A, large.....doz.	.852	.854	.938	.947	.795	.796	.831	.831	NA	NA
Grade AA, large.....doz.	.859	.868	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.935	.918
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified.....1/2 gal.	1.116	1.121	1.101	1.101	1.095	1.112	1.220	1.224	1.050	1.052
Milk, fresh, skim.....1/2 gal.	.972	.979	NA	NA	.997	.999	NA	NA	.861	.878
Milk, fresh, low fat.....1/2 gal.	1.063	1.064	1.038	1.045	1.059	1.057	1.175	1.185	1.029	1.023
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick.....lb.	2.060	2.056	1.986	1.987	2.098	2.101	2.145	2.117	2.013	2.024
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular.....1/2 gal.	2.105	2.136	2.231	2.306	1.898	1.930	2.139	2.090	2.242	2.338
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored.....1/2 pt.	.506	.508	NA	NA	.529	.510	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious...lb.	$0.627	$0.580	$0.680	$0.594	$0.633	$0.595	$0.671	$0.620	$0.537	$0.518
Bananas...lb.	.343	.317	.344	.321	.344	.330	.336	.320	.329	.298
Oranges, navel...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia...lb.	.609	.621	.588	.583	.617	.666	.580	NA	.651	.734
Cherries...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit...lb.	.383	.344	.358	.316	.425	.361	.436	.334	.348	.389
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay...lb.	NA	.925	NA	.967	NA	NA	1.003	.833	NA	.820
Grapes, Thompson seedless...lb.	.854	.962	.881	.989	.860	1.034	.884	.970	.795	.874
Lemons...lb.	.880	.858	.853	.837	.838	.951	.941	.823	.900	.876
Peaches...lb.	.668	NA	.642	NA	.690	NA	.681	NA	.690	NA
Pears, Anjou...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint...12oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, white...lb.	.196	.176	.176	.172	.202	.167	.194	.182	.213	.185
Lettuce, iceberg...lb.	.437	.472	.487	.509	.430	.496	.448	.513	.383	.376
Tomatoes, field grown...lb.	.548	.633	.581	.682	.559	.666	.570	.600	.472	.593
Beans, green, snap...lb.	.664	.648	.625	.619	NA	NA	.645	.627	.713	.690
Cabbage...lb.	.230	.221	.238	.222	.188	.191	.249	.236	.269	.258
Carrots, short trimmed and topped...lb.	.309	.304	.333	.352	.331	.307	.345	.336	.260	.264
Celery...lb.	.374	.344	.378	.374	.389	.351	.401	.380	.339	.297
Corn on the cob...lb.	.326	.359	.282	NA	.327	NA	.371	.418	.287	.323
Cucumbers...lb.	.335	.392	.329	.359	.336	.351	.357	.379	.325	.320
Mushrooms...lb.	1.899	1.736	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.188	1.939
Onions, dry yellow...lb.	.283	.251	.276	.254	.290	.236	.324	.293	.244	.222
Onions, green (scallions)...lb.	1.141	1.248	NA	NA	1.153	1.306	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet...lb.	.624	.683	.593	.630	.678	.758	.715	.717	.473	.613
Radishes...lb.	.612	.582	.659	.638	.609	.593	.753	.685	.528	.489
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can...16oz.	1.429	1.435	1.570	1.561	1.356	1.373	1.402	1.406	1.530	1.504
Potatoes, frozen, French fried...lb.	.613	.609	NA	NA	.640	.645	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole...lb.	.552	.537	NA	NA	.562	.548	.558	.548	.540	.515
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid...lb.	1.812	1.785	1.807	1.767	1.560	1.560	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes...lb.	.356	.355	.400	.399	.327	.327	.350	.352	.366	.358
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg...lb.	.345	.344	.379	.383	.326	.325	.336	.339	.341	.327
Jelly...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends...lb.	.794	.783	.885	.872	.750	.714	.750	.737	.810	.802
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk...16oz.	.268	.269	.281	.276	.256	.255	.287	.277	.262	.295
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.267	NA
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk...16oz.	.459	.476	.466	.479	.462	.480	.466	.474	.442	.472
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes...lb.	2.517	2.500	2.526	2.490	2.515	2.512	2.526	2.505	2.481	2.469
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can...lb.	2.565	2.542	2.536	2.507	2.665	2.654	2.489	2.451	2.547	2.541
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz...16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz...16oz.	6.633	6.648	NA	NA	6.691	6.650	6.519	6.665	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz...16oz.	10.528	10.547	NA	NA	10.595	10.576	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips...16oz.	2.400	2.431	2.407	2.430	2.281	2.334	2.444	2.470	2.537	2.542
Pork and beans, canned...16oz.	.430	.434	.417	NA	.442	NA	.406	.407	NA	.463

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - November 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for November 1982. These average prices are collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The November price for all types of gasoline decreased 1.2 cents to $1.268. The November prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.207; unleaded regular, $1.283; and leaded premium, $1.412. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Houston.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil increased to $1.237 in November. In the 19 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and lowest in Milwaukee.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $36.655, down 73.3 cents from October. The price for 40 therms was $25.093, 19.3 cents higher than October. The price for 100 therms was $57.965, down $1.616 from October.

Food (Table 4)

The U.S. average retail price declined for 42 food items, increased for 27 items, and was unchanged for 3 items.

Average prices for cereal and bakery products increased for four items and decreased for four items. One item price was unchanged.

In the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category, 6 prices increased and 20 decreased. Six beef item prices were lower, with T-bone steak prices down 9.6 cents. Five pork item prices declined with bacon showing the sharpest decline, down 14.8 cents. Two pork item prices increased. All four poultry prices were lower.

Within the dairy products category, four item prices decreased and two increased.

Price increases led decreases in fruits and vegetables 12 to 9. Mushroom prices showed the largest increase of any item, up 14.0 cents.

In the other foods category, movement was balanced as prices for five items increased, five items decreased, and two items were unchanged.

Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms		Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms		Electricity per 500 kWh		Fuel oil #2 per gallon	
	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$24.980	$25.093	$59.581	$57.965	$37.388	$36.655	$1.214	$1.237
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	20.988	21.473	48.365	49.752	40.432	39.428	1.212	1.219
Detroit, Mich.	23.632	24.242	51.599	53.120	32.629	32.589	1.216	1.226
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.348	19.258	59.913	46.312	36.482	36.801	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	34.725	35.631	77.980	79.242	63.136	59.576	1.255	1.281
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	31.996	31.792	73.095	73.406	40.232	39.357	1.196	1.207
Anchorage, Alaska	9.760	10.416	19.960	21.510	28.084	28.082	1.185	1.186
Baltimore, Md.	28.560	28.690	67.870	66.950	37.430	37.430	1.186	1.215
Boston, Mass.	35.636	35.028	80.270	78.763	39.094	39.248	1.245	1.268
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	25.280	25.320	58.660	58.770	32.760	32.760	1.194	1.228
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	27.019	27.389	63.520	63.950	36.327	35.836	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	21.510	21.510	45.260	45.260	36.572	36.634	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	25.718	27.658	59.596	64.655	37.140	33.150	1.141	1.145
Northeast Pennsylvania	28.226	28.226	62.375	62.375	34.360	34.360	1.193	1.211
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.775	28.775	67.721	67.721	16.613	17.314	1.142	1.176
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	27.106	28.617	60.264	63.181	33.389	27.895	1.151	1.165
San Diego, Calif.	23.161	21.133	73.046	51.259	57.217	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.204	31.987	68.424	67.887	17.857	17.853	1.275	1.311
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	31.912	32.137	70.865	70.701	34.756	33.897	1.252	1.279
Atlanta, Ga.	22.882	25.241	51.780	57.549	30.301	30.538	1.152	1.183
Buffalo, N.Y.	29.045	29.135	64.883	67.063	34.984	34.955	1.274	1.293
Cleveland, Ohio	22.579	24.076	50.085	54.046	45.596	40.718	NA	1.204
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	20.338	25.925	60.980	60.293	37.174	33.454	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	70.180	69.880	166.450	165.690	61.780	59.540	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	24.440	24.440	54.010	54.240	37.750	42.220	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	21.851	25.296	66.770	55.359	30.884	30.784	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	24.327	24.142	58.881	57.418	32.879	31.440	1.161	1.181
Pittsburgh, Pa.	21.416	23.048	47.805	51.542	34.954	34.954	NA	1.177
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	18.013	16.361	41.328	42.901	33.640	33.640	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	31.846	31.382	71.182	70.431	47.366	45.919	1.227	1.252
North Central	23.458	24.663	52.898	55.186	35.458	34.126	1.174	1.185
South	26.705	26.583	60.568	60.792	34.666	34.008	1.203	1.226
West 1/	20.847	19.148	59.890	47.721	32.112	32.135	1.201	1.236
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	34.127	33.559	71.748	70.825	49.581	47.767	1.238	1.258
North Central/A	23.787	24.213	52.268	54.514	36.988	35.189	1.183	1.194
South/A	28.190	28.325	63.795	64.443	36.650	36.425	1.218	1.238
West/A	19.585	18.660	60.320	46.609	33.896	33.045	1.252	1.291
Northeast/B	30.827	30.715	69.124	68.847	39.044	38.989	1.174	1.206
North Central/B	26.762	28.941	58.128	61.533	29.536	30.164	1.214	1.223
South/B	23.268	23.311	53.574	54.140	30.648	30.512	1.184	1.219
West/B 1/	21.218	20.465	60.749	49.942	30.972	30.688	1.142	1.176
Northeast/C	26.508	26.817	59.442	60.166	36.588	36.478	1.244	1.267
North Central/C	22.841	23.415	50.094	51.443	28.989	29.340	1.185	1.196
South/C	24.371	23.782	57.417	55.846	32.825	33.092	NA	NA
West/C	20.536	20.175	50.987	47.768	28.413	28.288	1.185	1.186
Northeast/D	32.133	32.658	73.826	73.072	35.669	35.632	1.247	1.293
North Central/D	21.832	23.208	47.410	50.879	30.888	30.957	1.114	1.127
South/D	20.157	27.671	54.853	64.652	37.196	35.678	1.203	1.222
West/D	20.788	22.645	49.530	51.965	23.537	24.672	1.116	1.137

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Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Nov. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Nov. 1982	
	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Low	High	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.602	$0.600	1	1,688	$0.077	$0.074	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.460	.474	30	701	.081	.079	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.511	.527	21	694	.079	.067	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.557	.493	9	352	.075	.076	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.966	.989	3	460	.145	.140	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.778	.773	14	257	.080	.078	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.180	.194	65	1,688	.054	.054	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.706	.705	10	190	.066	.066	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.851	.838	5	291	.083	.083	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.612	.613	21	389	.073	.073	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.662	.668	13	334	.072	.067	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.073	.073	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.618	.668	8	235	.071	.063	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.712	.712	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.690	.690	34	130	.037	.037	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.599	.627	35	275	.065	.052	284	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.611	.524	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.771	.766	5	300	.033	.033	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.736	.741	5	182	.071	.066	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.602	.661	3	175	.057	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.661	.661	30	284	.070	.070	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.548	.575	5	282	.089	.076	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.665	.657	3	168	.070	.050	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	2.170	2.162	3	55	.118	.114	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.514	.543	83	297	.082	.077	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.501	.587	20	191	.057	.056	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.588	.585	16	562	.062	.061	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.462	.529	10	270	.073	.073	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.491	.417	12	159	.085	.085	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.802	.796	3	460	.101	.099	8	9,782
North Central	.527	.552	1	701	.072	.067	18	5,070
South	.636	.636	2	500	.069	.066	3	7,290
West 1/	.569	.488	5	1,688	.067	.067	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.815	.806	3	460	.107	.104	21	5,035
North Central/A	.523	.548	5	701	.076	.069	18	5,070
South/A	.682	.688	3	297	.072	.067	110	7,290
West/A	.537	.470	5	352	.068	.068	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.750	.747	3	399	.081	.081	8	2,889
North Central/B	.561	.594	60	609	.058	.059	186	2,965
South/B	.531	.539	2	500	.064	.063	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.592	.533	13	334	.066	.064	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.604	.613	5	306	.079	.079	9	9,782
North Central/C	.506	.520	1	493	.058	.057	108	3,626
South/C	.581	.567	6	280	.069	.069	3	4,012
West/C	.482	.470	10	1,688	.060	.057	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.792	.804	5	387	.067	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.466	.496	43	485	.061	.061	18	2,560
South/D	.662	.686	6	320	.071	.067	58	3,188
West/D	.502	.519	18	256	.040	.042	97	4,038

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Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.280	$1.268	$1.219	$1.207	$1.295	$1.283	$1.413	$1.412
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.311	1.310	1.261	1.261	1.318	1.315	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.297	1.286	1.246	1.236	1.302	1.293	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.280	1.254	1.211	1.179	1.293	1.268	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.344	1.321	1.253	1.247	1.322	1.319	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.247	1.237	1.182	1.174	1.247	1.235	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.416	1.419	1.371	1.370	1.443	1.448	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.349	1.342	1.295	1.288	1.334	1.329	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.274	1.264	1.241	1.234	1.283	1.271	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.277	1.267	1.225	1.218	1.300	1.287	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.272	1.264	1.235	1.226	1.312	1.308	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.357	1.355	1.255	1.259	1.387	1.382	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.283	1.270	1.254	1.243	1.290	1.276	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.223	1.215	1.191	1.182	1.235	1.226	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.312	1.287	1.255	1.226	1.338	1.310	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.212	1.193	1.159	1.139	1.219	1.201	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.331	1.306	1.243	1.216	1.347	1.323	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.254	1.232	1.210	1.185	1.247	1.226	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.322	1.316	1.256	1.253	1.312	1.297	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.283	1.273	1.212	1.200	1.301	1.291	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.306	1.302	1.261	1.255	1.321	1.315	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.354	1.260	1.291	1.206	1.382	1.277	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.202	1.192	1.139	1.127	1.211	1.199	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.534	1.528	1.467	1.465	1.540	1.532	1.574	1.569
Houston, Tex.	1.192	1.175	1.118	1.095	1.190	1.174	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.259	1.246	1.221	1.210	1.298	1.285	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.311	1.311	1.269	1.272	1.351	1.348	NA	NA
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.291	1.260	1.232	1.189	1.301	1.264	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.342	1.316	1.256	1.221	1.360	1.330	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.296	1.288	1.238	1.230	1.298	1.289	NA	NA
North Central	1.277	1.267	1.230	1.222	1.300	1.289	NA	NA
South	1.258	1.252	1.195	1.188	1.273	1.266	NA	NA
West	1.295	1.272	1.220	1.193	1.312	1.290	1.421	1.420
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.299	1.288	1.234	1.222	1.300	1.288	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.289	1.273	1.237	1.224	1.304	1.287	NA	NA
South/A	1.255	1.244	1.184	1.171	1.254	1.242	NA	NA
West/A	1.295	1.269	1.222	1.190	1.308	1.282	1.393	1.386
Northeast/B	1.257	1.254	1.212	1.207	1.270	1.269	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.274	1.275	1.216	1.220	1.296	1.294	NA	NA
South/B	1.252	1.253	1.188	1.184	1.280	1.286	NA	NA
West/B	1.356	1.338	1.267	1.237	1.358	1.342	1.503	1.519
Northeast/C	1.321	1.317	1.263	1.262	1.316	1.310	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.257	1.251	1.218	1.212	1.292	1.287	NA	NA
South/C	1.264	1.259	1.209	1.203	1.291	1.286	NA	NA
West/C	1.237	1.212	1.187	1.159	1.272	1.251	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.309	1.304	1.267	1.259	1.315	1.311	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.276	1.266	1.249	1.240	1.305	1.294	NA	NA
South/D	1.268	1.261	1.209	1.207	1.281	1.268	NA	NA
West/D	1.264	1.265	1.225	1.227	1.306	1.303	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensiveStandard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

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Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose....lb.	$0.221	$0.216	$0.255	$0.235	$0.195	$0.193	NA	NA	$0.220	$0.217
Rice, white, long grain, precooked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked....lb.	.488	.487	NA	NA	NA	NA	$0.406	NA	.489	.486
Spaghetti....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan....lb.	.534	.534	.618	.625	.523	.522	.499	$0.491	.509	.518
Bread, French....lb.	.922	.905	NA	NA	NA	NA	.824	.813	.969	.989
Bread, rye, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan....lb.	.821	.818	.823	NA	.815	.802	.821	.822	.823	.805
Bread, wheat blend, pan....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger....lb.	.794	.808	NA	NA	.797	.801	.749	.751	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate....lb.	1.774	1.798	NA	NA	1.657	1.745	NA	1.877	1.769	1.759
Cookies, chocolate chip....lb.	1.789	1.820	1.948	NA	NA	NA	1.681	1.689	1.761	1.888
Crackers, soda, salted....lb.	.895	.897	NA	NA	.910	.898	.861	.875	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef....lb.	1.754	1.744	1.787	1.782	1.672	1.667	1.827	1.823	1.720	1.686
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.743	1.759	1.666	1.712	1.778	1.795	1.825	1.768	1.582	1.704
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.560	2.579	2.490	2.531	2.487	2.579	2.772	2.647	2.524	2.612
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.251	3.190	3.340	3.324	3.181	3.172	3.169	3.037	3.335	3.199
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless....lb.	2.930	2.941	2.993	2.872	2.764	2.818	3.091	3.152	2.809	2.903
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	2.965	2.876	2.994	2.798	2.816	2.761	3.093	3.147	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	1.773	1.764	1.740	1.774	1.820	1.733	1.843	1.858	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.789	3.693	NA	NA	3.858	3.770	3.552	3.650	3.679	3.675
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in....lb.	3.847	3.771	3.998	3.962	3.757	3.620	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced....lb.	2.334	2.186	2.308	2.196	2.366	2.178	2.287	2.182	2.380	2.192
Chops, center cut, bone-in....lb.	2.531	2.521	2.522	2.489	2.337	2.351	2.628	2.600	2.726	2.747
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.564	1.579	1.608	1.675	NA	NA	1.620	1.546	NA	NA
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.520	1.503	1.751	NA
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.405	1.384	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, blade Boston, bone-in....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.737	1.766	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in....lb.	1.813	1.798	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.867	1.827
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked....lb.	1.197	1.183	1.121	1.137	NA	NA	1.206	1.139	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose....lb.	1.990	1.937	NA	NA	2.082	2.070	1.986	1.939	1.744	1.656
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs....lb.	2.754	2.799	2.813	2.905	2.703	2.761	2.723	2.784	2.802	2.767
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat....lb.	1.883	1.864	1.864	1.852	1.801	1.832	1.971	1.889	1.902	1.891
Bologna....lb.	2.267	2.295	2.471	2.480	2.177	2.240	2.191	2.202	2.388	2.406
Beef liver....lb.	1.003	.989	.969	.999	1.018	.886	1.039	1.097	.950	.974
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole....lb.	.700	.694	.752	.724	.668	.710	.663	.648	.726	.705
Chicken breast, bone-in....lb.	1.468	1.461	1.389	1.401	1.460	1.466	1.451	1.419	1.677	1.664
Chicken legs, bone-in....lb.	1.061	1.034	.912	.893	NA	NA	1.166	1.120	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole....lb.	.965	.929	1.030	.964	.898	.854	.962	.939	.944	.939
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk....lb.	2.421	2.411	2.470	2.492	2.387	2.388	2.400	2.356	2.440	2.399
Eggs:										
Grade A, large....doz.	.854	.849	.947	.959	.796	.794	.831	.815	NA	NA
Grade AA, large....doz.	.868	.831	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.918	.875
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified....1/2 gal.	1.121	1.117	1.101	1.096	1.112	1.098	1.224	1.224	1.052	1.053
Milk, fresh, skim....1/2 gal.	.979	.986	NA	NA	.999	.994	NA	NA	.878	.886
Milk, fresh, low fat....1/2 gal.	1.064	1.063	1.045	1.050	1.057	1.060	1.185	1.168	1.023	1.016
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick....lb.	2.056	2.050	1.987	1.988	2.101	2.060	2.117	2.134	2.024	2.025
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular....1/2 gal.	2.136	2.187	2.306	2.441	1.930	2.004	2.090	2.155	2.338	2.234
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored....1/2 pt.	.508	.507	NA	NA	.510	.506	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

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	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious....lb.	$0.580	$0.537	$0.594	$0.547	$0.595	$0.503	$0.620	$0.579	$0.518	$0.524
Bananas....lb.	.347	.344	.324	.337	.330	.335	.320	.333	.298	.370
Oranges, navel....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.569	NA	.506	NA	.647
Oranges, Valencia....lb.	.621	NA	.583	NA	.666	NA	NA	NA	.734	NA
Cherries....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit....lb.	.344	.307	.316	.268	.361	.334	.334	.293	.389	.366
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay....lb.	.925	.849	.967	.880	NA	.986	.833	.833	.820	.645
Grapes, Thompson seedless....lb.	.962	NA	.989	NA	1.034	NA	.970	NA	.874	NA
Lemons....lb.	.858	.785	.837	.715	.951	.870	.823	.694	.876	.932
Peaches....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint....12oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, white....lb.	.176	.172	.172	.164	.167	.167	.182	.192	.185	.167
Lettuce, iceberg....lb.	.472	.476	.509	.509	.496	.477	.513	.476	.376	.445
Tomatoes, field grown....lb.	.633	.744	.682	.796	.666	.779	.600	.711	.593	.695
Beans, green, snap....lb.	.648	.689	.619	.690	NA	NA	.627	.633	.690	.743
Cabbage....lb.	.221	.223	.222	.228	.191	.199	.236	.242	.258	.219
Carrots, short trimmed and topped....lb.	.304	.300	.352	.339	.307	.307	.336	.330	.264	.261
Celery....lb.	.344	.339	.374	.337	.351	.354	.380	.375	.297	.305
Corn on the cob....lb.	.359	NA	NA	NA	NA	.466	.418	.439	.343	NA
Cucumbers....lb.	.392	.441	.359	.454	.351	.392	.379	.451	.520	.492
Mushrooms....lb.	1.736	1.876	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.939	2.286
Onions, dry yellow....lb.	.251	.242	.254	.255	.236	.224	.293	.262	.242	.221
Onions, green (scallions)....lb.	1.248	1.318	NA	NA	1.306	1.371	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet....lb.	.683	.818	.630	.791	.758	.926	.717	.781	.613	.705
Radishes....lb.	.582	.643	.638	.683	.593	.633	.685	.700	.489	.606
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can....16oz.	1.435	1.434	1.561	1.493	1.373	1.380	1.406	1.396	1.504	1.534
Potatoes, frozen, French fried....lb.	.609	.616	NA	NA	.645	.649	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole....lb.	.537	.539	NA	NA	.548	.544	.548	.546	.515	.525
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid....lb.	1.785	1.820	1.767	1.865	1.560	1.555	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes....lb.	.355	.355	.399	.383	.327	.339	.352	.351	.358	.353
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg....lb.	.344	.342	.383	.363	.325	.341	.339	.336	.347	.321
Jelly....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick....lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs..lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends....lb.	.783	.784	.872	.851	.714	.770	.757	.746	.802	.783
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk....16oz.	.269	.277	.276	.262	.255	.269	.277	.286	.295	.299
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz....16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola nondiet, cans, 7-12oz. 6 pk....16oz.	.476	.476	.479	.475	.480	.493	.474	.484	.474	.452
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes....lb.	2.500	2.481	2.490	2.502	2.512	2.445	2.505	2.518	2.469	2.475
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can..lb.	2.542	2.533	2.507	2.475	2.654	2.645	2.451	2.471	2.541	2.527
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz....16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz....16oz.	6.648	6.673	NA	NA	6.650	6.745	6.465	6.439	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz....16oz.	10.547	10.548	NA	NA	10.576	10.557	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips....16oz.	2.431	2.388	2.430	2.383	2.334	2.340	2.470	2.346	2.542	2.561
Pork and beans, canned....16oz.	.434	.431	NA	NA	NA	.437	.407	.405	.463	.457

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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CONSUMER PRICES: ENERGY AND FOOD - December 1982

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released today the average retail prices for energy and food for December 1982. These average prices are compiled from data collected by BLS in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.

ENERGY (Tables 1-3)

Gasoline and Fuel Oil

The December price for all types of gasoline decreased 2.4 cents to $1.244. The December prices of leaded regular gasoline averaged $1.181; unleaded regular, $1.260; and leaded premium, $1.371. In the 28 cities for which gasoline prices are published (table 3), prices for all types of gasoline averaged highest in Honolulu and lowest in Houston.

The U.S. price per gallon of fuel oil decreased to $1.229 in December. In the 19 cities for which fuel oil prices are published (table 1), the price per gallon averaged highest in Seattle and lowest in Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The U.S. average price for 500 KWH was $37.074, 41.9 cents higher than November. The price for 40 therms was $25.737, 64.4 cents higher than November. The price for 100 therms was $59.156, $1.191 higher than November.

Food (Table 4)

The U.S. average retail price declined for 38 food items, increased for 35 items, and was unchanged for 1 item

Average prices for cereal and bakery products increased for six items and decreased for two items. One item price was unchanged.

In the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs category, 9 prices increased and 17 decreased. Five beef item prices were lower, with T-bone steak down the most, dropping 12.9 cents. Four beef prices increased. Two pork item prices increased and five decreased. Center cut pork chops showed the sharpest decline, down 9.0 cents Three out of the four poultry prices were down.

Within the dairy products category, four item prices decreased and two increased.

Once again, price increases led decreases in fruits and vegetables: 11 items were higher and 10 were lower. Mushroom prices decreased 16.4 cents, a much sharper decline than other items in this category.

In the other foods category, seven items increased and five items decreased.

Table 1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms Nov. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 40 therms Dec. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms Nov. 1982	Utility (piped) gas per 100 therms Dec. 1982	Electricity per 500 kwh Nov. 1982	Electricity per 500 kwh Dec. 1982	Fuel oil #2 per gallon Nov. 1982	Fuel oil #2 per gallon Dec. 1982
U.S. city average 1/	$25.093	$25.737	$57.965	$59.156	$36.695	$37.074	$1.237	$1.229
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	21.473	21.508	49.752	49.826	39.648	43.506	1.219	1.222
Detroit, Mich.	24.242	24.242	53.120	53.120	32.589	34.697	1.226	1.226
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	19.288	19.288	46.323	46.323	28.884	28.930	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	35.691	35.935	79.242	82.415	39.576	40.336	1.284	1.274
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	28.792	31.812	73.484	73.484	28.357	28.357	1.287	1.285
Anchorage, Alaska	18.414	18.320	41.310	41.130	28.082	28.589	1.186	1.165
Baltimore, Md.	26.490	28.410	66.950	66.750	37.430	37.430	1.213	1.211
Boston, Mass.	35.048	33.143	78.795	72.955	39.248	38.787	1.266	1.264
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	25.320	25.290	58.770	58.640	32.740	32.740	1.228	1.219
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	27.309	27.309	63.950	63.950	35.936	39.921	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	41.340	41.340	95.260	95.260	38.834	38.703	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	27.958	27.644	64.955	64.190	33.150	34.200	1.145	1.150
Northeast Pennsylvania	28.426	28.720	66.375	66.840	36.300	36.300	1.211	1.191
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	28.775	28.823	67.724	67.296	47.314	47.314	1.176	1.185
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	28.817	28.589	63.184	63.204	37.095	37.095	1.161	1.149
San Diego, Calif.	21.153	21.153	54.459	54.459	57.217	57.217	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	32.981	33.406	67.867	66.567	47.854	47.791	1.311	1.310
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	34.137	35.443	78.721	78.857	32.697	32.965	1.279	1.272
Atlanta, Ga.	25.261	25.424	57.549	58.014	31.538	30.545	1.183	1.187
Buffalo, N.Y.	29.135	29.700	67.082	66.490	34.955	34.516	1.293	1.293
Cleveland, Ohio	24.076	24.076	54.046	54.140	28.718	28.314	1.204	1.202
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	25.921	23.536	60.493	53.979	33.452	34.057	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	69.880	69.220	164.170	164.170	59.340	58.270	NA	NA
Houston, Tex.	24.440	24.440	56.240	56.240	42.220	41.490	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	25.296	25.450	55.358	55.907	30.700	30.882	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	24.142	23.935	57.419	56.915	31.440	31.409	1.181	1.181
Pittsburgh, Pa.	23.048	24.581	53.807	54.954	34.518	34.518	1.177	1.164
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	16.381	16.381	42.981	42.981	33.640	33.640	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	31.382	32.326	74.431	74.951	45.919	45.667	1.252	1.241
North Central	24.663	24.663	55.184	55.239	34.128	35.766	1.185	1.185
South	26.563	26.907	60.782	61.741	34.006	34.030	1.226	1.223
West 3/	19.148	19.798	47.723	48.559	32.123	32.321	1.236	1.230
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	31.559	32.579	74.845	75.430	47.747	47.501	1.258	1.254
North Central/A	24.613	24.690	54.514	54.540	35.189	37.105	1.194	1.195
South/A	26.325	26.654	64.443	65.379	34.425	34.496	1.238	1.234
West/A	18.860	19.283	46.889	47.557	33.045	33.091	1.291	1.289
Northeast/B	30.715	30.888	69.947	70.274	38.989	38.650	1.206	1.197
North Central/B	24.941	24.996	61.533	61.629	30.144	30.894	1.223	1.215
South/B	23.311	23.650	54.140	54.771	30.312	30.778	1.219	1.214
West/B 3/	20.065	20.855	49.942	49.913	30.908	31.236	1.176	1.185
Northeast/C	26.817	28.598	60.164	65.140	38.478	38.381	1.267	1.266
North Central/C	23.415	23.923	51.443	52.796	29.300	28.702	1.196	1.185
South/C	21.782	24.734	55.846	58.144	33.892	32.167	NA	NA
West/C	20.175	21.056	47.760	49.949	28.280	28.252	1.186	1.165
Northeast/D	32.658	34.676	75.872	75.048	35.632	35.009	1.293	1.279
North Central/D	23.498	23.552	50.879	52.120	30.957	30.603	1.227	1.206
South/D	27.071	27.850	64.652	64.748	35.678	35.002	1.222	1.226
West/D	22.845	25.544	54.965	58.835	28.674	28.665	1.237	1.229

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2/ Prices are for synthetic natural gas and propane only.
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The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:
A-1 - More than 4,000,000.
A-2 - 1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B - 385,000 to 1,250,000.
C - 75,000 to 385,000.
D - Less than 75,000.
Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.
NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

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Table 2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Dec. 1982		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Dec. 1982	
	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Low	High	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Low	High
U.S. city average 1/	$0.600	$0.613	1	1,688	$0.074	$0.075	3	9,782
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	.474	.475	30	701	.079	.087	168	2,484
Detroit, Mich.	.527	.527	21	694	.067	.071	85	1,871
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	.493	.493	9	352	.076	.076	14	6,138
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	.989	1.048	3	460	.140	.140	28	3,184
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	.773	.773	14	257	.078	.078	155	2,587
Anchorage, Alaska	.194	.190	65	1,688	.054	.055	120	2,182
Baltimore, Md.	.705	.703	40	190	.066	.066	157	2,190
Boston, Mass.	.838	.775	5	391	.083	.082	130	1,762
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	.613	.612	21	389	.073	.073	46	1,211
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	.668	.668	13	334	.067	.075	386	6,975
Miami, Fla.	.768	.768	3	52	.073	.073	181	2,973
Milwaukee, Wis.	.668	.663	8	235	.063	.066	178	2,503
Northeast Pennsylvania	.712	.695	15	213	.069	.069	103	2,173
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	.690	.686	34	130	.037	.037	323	4,375
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	.627	.627	35	279	.052	.052	204	2,100
San Diego, Calif.	.524	.524	5	115	.116	.116	17	2,126
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	.766	.753	5	300	.033	.036	210	6,157
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	.741	.816	5	182	.066	.066	110	7,290
Atlanta, Ga.	.661	.666	3	175	.057	.057	237	5,345
Buffalo, N.Y.	.661	.675	30	284	.070	.070	41	2,408
Cleveland, Ohio	.575	.575	8	282	.076	.075	205	5,070
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	.557	.592	3	169	.058	.059	243	3,936
Honolulu, Hawaii 2/	2.162	2.147	3	55	.114	.111	300	4,453
Houston, Tex.	.543	.543	83	297	.077	.076	242	5,156
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	.587	.591	20	191	.036	.036	65	2,102
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.585	.580	16	562	.061	.061	18	1,834
Pittsburgh, Pa.	.529	.574	10	270	.073	.072	21	5,035
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	.417	.417	12	159	.085	.085	16	7,997
Region 3/								
Northeast	.796	.819	3	460	.099	.099	8	9,782
North Central	.552	.553	1	701	.067	.070	18	5,070
South	.636	.645	2	500	.066	.066	3	7,290
West 1/	.488	.504	5	1,688	.067	.068	14	9,301
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	.806	.832	3	460	.104	.104	21	5,035
North Central/A	.548	.548	5	701	.069	.073	18	5,070
South/A	.688	.695	3	297	.067	.067	110	7,290
West/A	.470	.488	5	352	.068	.069	14	7,997
Northeast/B	.747	.742	3	399	.081	.080	8	2,889
North Central/B	.594	.596	60	609	.059	.059	186	2,965
South/B	.539	.546	2	500	.063	.064	8	6,676
West/B 1/	.533	.533	13	334	.064	.066	55	9,301
Northeast/C	.613	.666	5	306	.079	.079	9	9,782
North Central/C	.520	.534	1	453	.057	.056	108	3,626
South/C	.567	.589	6	280	.069	.068	3	4,012
West/C	.470	.488	10	1,688	.057	.057	120	7,454
Northeast/D	.804	.802	5	387	.067	.067	117	2,196
North Central/D	.496	.509	43	487	.061	.060	18	2,580
South/D	.686	.686	6	340	.067	.065	58	3,188
West/D	.519	.443	18	256	.042	.042	97	4,038

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D	-	Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

Table 3. Gasoline average prices per gallon, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline, all types 1/		Leaded regular		Unleaded regular		Leaded premium	
	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982
Area 2/								
U.S. city average	$1.268	$1.244	$1.207	$1.181	$1.283	$1.260	$1.412	$1.371
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	1.310	1.293	1.261	1.245	1.315	1.297	NA	NA
Detroit, Mich.	1.286	1.272	1.236	1.221	1.293	1.278	NA	NA
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	1.254	1.196	1.179	1.113	1.268	1.210	NA	NA
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	1.321	1.312	1.247	1.239	1.319	1.309	NA	NA
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	1.237	1.228	1.174	1.165	1.235	1.226	NA	NA
Anchorage, Alaska	1.419	1.412	1.370	1.372	1.448	1.435	NA	NA
Baltimore, Md.	1.342	1.334	1.288	1.280	1.329	1.320	NA	NA
Boston, Mass.	1.264	1.253	1.234	1.223	1.271	1.259	NA	NA
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1.267	1.246	1.218	1.195	1.287	1.268	NA	NA
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1.264	1.232	1.226	1.194	1.308	1.281	NA	NA
Miami, Fla.	1.355	1.350	1.259	1.256	1.382	1.378	NA	NA
Milwaukee, Wis.	1.270	1.253	1.243	1.223	1.276	1.260	NA	NA
Northeast Pennsylvania	1.215	1.213	1.182	1.179	1.226	1.225	NA	NA
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1.287	1.241	1.226	1.170	1.310	1.268	NA	NA
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1.193	1.173	1.139	1.117	1.201	1.181	NA	NA
San Diego, Calif.	1.306	1.258	1.216	1.163	1.323	1.274	NA	NA
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1.232	1.190	1.185	1.141	1.226	1.185	NA	NA
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1.316	1.302	1.253	1.237	1.297	1.285	NA	NA
Atlanta, Ga.	1.273	1.257	1.200	1.181	1.291	1.276	NA	NA
Buffalo, N.Y.	1.302	1.298	1.255	1.250	1.315	1.311	NA	NA
Cleveland, Ohio	1.260	1.244	1.206	1.190	1.277	1.256	NA	NA
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	1.192	1.178	1.127	1.111	1.199	1.186	NA	NA
Honolulu, Hawaii	1.528	1.518	1.465	1.446	1.532	1.522	1.569	1.566
Houston, Tex.	1.175	1.161	1.095	1.074	1.174	1.160	NA	NA
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	1.246	1.172	1.210	1.134	1.285	1.210	NA	NA
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	1.311	1.296	1.272	1.257	1.348	1.334	NA	NA
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.260	1.245	1.189	1.171	1.264	1.251	NA	NA
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	1.316	1.259	1.221	1.153	1.330	1.279	NA	NA
Region 3/								
Northeast	1.288	1.278	1.230	1.219	1.289	1.280	NA	NA
North Central	1.267	1.247	1.222	1.202	1.289	1.269	NA	NA
South	1.252	1.234	1.188	1.167	1.266	1.248	NA	NA
West	1.272	1.223	1.193	1.141	1.290	1.243	1.420	1.374
Region/population size class cross classification 3/								
Northeast/A	1.288	1.278	1.222	1.212	1.288	1.278	NA	NA
North Central/A	1.273	1.253	1.224	1.202	1.287	1.266	NA	NA
South/A	1.244	1.230	1.171	1.154	1.242	1.229	NA	NA
West/A	1.269	1.214	1.190	1.127	1.282	1.228	1.386	1.341
Northeast/B	1.254	1.244	1.207	1.195	1.269	1.259	NA	NA
North Central/B	1.275	1.252	1.220	1.193	1.294	1.274	NA	NA
South/B	1.253	1.225	1.184	1.154	1.286	1.256	NA	NA
West/B	1.338	1.285	1.237	1.179	1.342	1.291	1.519	1.473
Northeast/C	1.317	1.308	1.262	1.254	1.310	1.300	NA	NA
North Central/C	1.251	1.230	1.212	1.193	1.287	1.266	NA	NA
South/C	1.259	1.241	1.203	1.184	1.286	1.267	NA	NA
West/C	1.212	1.181	1.159	1.131	1.251	1.220	NA	NA
Northeast/D	1.304	1.297	1.259	1.254	1.311	1.301	NA	NA
North Central/D	1.266	1.253	1.240	1.228	1.294	1.281	NA	NA
South/D	1.261	1.246	1.207	1.187	1.268	1.253	NA	NA
West/D	1.265	1.255	1.227	1.217	1.303	1.297	NA	NA

1/ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

2/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:

A-1	-	More than 4,000,000.
A-2	-	1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B	-	385,000 to 1,250,000.
C	-	75,000 to 385,000.
D	-	Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NA/ Data not adequate for publication.

Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose...lb.	$0.216	$0.216	$0.235	$0.233	$0.193	$0.195	NA	NA	$0.217	$0.215
Rice, white, long grain, precooked...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.353	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked...lb.	.487	.482	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	$0.397	.486	.488
Spaghetti...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, white, pan...lb.	.534	.537	.625	.632	.522	.518	$0.491	.493	.518	.528
Bread, French...lb.	.905	.926	NA	NA	NA	NA	.813	.833	.989	.997
Bread, rye, pan...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan...lb.	.828	.830	NA	NA	.802	.815	.822	.826	.805	.822
Bread, wheat blend, pan...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rolls, hamburger...lb.	.808	.810	NA	NA	.801	.807	.751	.749	NA	NA
Cupcakes, chocolate...lb.	1.798	1.828	NA	1.852	1.745	1.750	1.877	1.901	1.759	1.830
Cookies, chocolate chip...lb.	1.820	1.797	NA	1.939	NA	NA	1.689	1.694	1.888	1.845
Crackers, soda, salted...lb.	.897	.938	NA	NA	.898	.917	.875	.893	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef...lb.	1.744	1.754	1.782	1.765	1.667	1.671	1.823	1.819	1.686	1.759
Chuck roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	1.759	1.755	1.712	1.818	1.795	1.742	1.768	1.796	1.704	1.636
Round roast, U.S. Choice, boneless...lb.	2.579	2.594	2.531	2.596	2.579	2.536	2.627	2.662	2.612	2.561
Rib roast, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	3.190	3.214	3.324	3.347	3.172	3.136	3.037	3.156	3.199	3.204
Steak, round, U.S. Choice, boneless...lb.	2.941	2.899	2.872	2.931	2.818	2.807	3.152	3.006	2.903	2.814
Steak, sirloin, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	2.876	2.784	2.798	2.692	2.761	2.622	3.147	3.119	NA	NA
Steak, chuck, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	1.764	1.796	1.774	1.877	1.733	1.726	1.858	1.865	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	3.693	3.564	NA	NA	3.770	3.497	3.650	3.447	3.675	3.717
Steak, porterhouse, U.S. Choice, bone-in...lb.	3.771	3.652	3.962	3.840	3.620	3.625	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced...lb.	2.186	2.128	2.196	2.115	2.178	2.111	2.182	2.161	2.192	2.120
Chops, center cut, bone-in...lb.	2.521	2.431	2.489	2.418	2.351	2.291	2.600	2.545	2.747	2.507
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.579	1.631	1.675	1.783	NA	NA	1.546	1.578	NA	1.730
Ham, rump portion, bone-in, smoked...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.503	1.541	NA	NA
Ham, shank portion, bone-in, smoked...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.384	1.383	NA	NA
Shoulder roast, Blade Boston, bone-in...lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.766	1.675	NA	NA
Sirloin roast, bone-in...lb.	1.798	1.750	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.827	1.723
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked...lb.	1.183	1.177	1.137	1.126	NA	NA	1.139	1.125	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, pork, loose...lb.	1.937	1.921	NA	NA	2.070	2.014	1.939	1.924	1.656	1.709
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs...lb.	2.799	2.823	2.905	2.859	2.761	2.805	2.781	2.841	2.767	2.791
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat...lb.	1.864	1.839	1.852	1.854	1.832	1.789	1.889	1.869	1.891	1.853
Bologna...lb.	2.295	2.235	2.480	2.393	2.240	2.176	2.202	2.153	2.406	2.347
Beef liver...lb.	.989	.993	.999	.980	.886	.933	1.097	1.079	.974	.959
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole...lb.	.694	.682	.724	.710	.710	.668	.648	.650	.705	.709
Chicken breast, bone-in...lb.	1.461	1.439	1.401	1.409	1.466	1.417	1.419	1.392	1.664	1.617
Chicken legs, bone-in...lb.	1.034	1.042	.893	.926	NA	NA	1.120	1.088	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole...lb.	.929	.893	.964	.944	.854	.821	.939	.879	.939	.923
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk...lb.	2.411	2.399	2.492	2.437	2.388	2.394	2.356	2.379	2.399	2.374
Eggs:										
Grade A, large...doz.	.849	.813	.959	.901	.794	.757	.815	.779	NA	NA
Grade AA, large...doz.	.831	.856	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.875	.954
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified...1/2 gal.	1.117	1.126	1.096	1.111	1.098	1.114	1.144	1.128	1.053	1.053
Milk, fresh, skim...1/2 gal.	.986	.984	NA	NA	.994	.982	NA	NA	.886	.889
Milk, fresh, low fat...1/2 gal.	1.063	1.062	1.050	1.051	1.060	1.056	1.168	1.170	1.016	1.017
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick...lb.	2.050	2.026	1.988	1.963	2.060	2.015	2.134	2.121	2.025	2.032
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular...1/2 gal.	2.187	2.163	2.441	2.451	2.004	1.884	2.155	2.170	2.234	2.263
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored...1/2 pt.	.507	.513	NA	NA	.506	.519	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

Continued--Table 4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions 1/

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1982
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, red Delicious, lb.	$0.537	$0.556	$0.547	$0.562	$0.503	$0.528	$0.579	$0.584	$0.524	$0.554
Bananas, lb.	.344	.337	.337	.347	.335	.349	.333	.355	.370	.300
Oranges, navel, lb.	NA	.458	NA	.480	.569	.416	.506	.476	.647	.455
Oranges, Valencia, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, lb.	.307	.310	.268	.282	.334	.325	.293	.303	.360	.350
Grapes, Emperor or Tokay, lb.	.849	.821	.860	.873	.986	NA	.833	.799	.645	.629
Grapes, Thompson seedless, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lemons, lb.	.785	.754	.715	.667	.870	.802	.694	.652	.932	.956
Peaches, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, lb.	NA	.648	NA	.600	NA	.620	NA	.645	NA	.665
Strawberries, dry pint, 12oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, white, lb.	.172	.168	.164	.158	.167	.162	.192	.182	.167	.172
Lettuce, iceberg, lb.	.476	.634	.509	.601	.477	.670	.476	.598	.445	.620
Tomatoes, field grown, lb.	.744	.849	.796	.876	.779	.881	.711	.818	.695	.831
Beans, green, snap, lb.	.689	.873	.690	.791	NA	NA	.633	.770	.743	1.037
Cabbage, lb.	.223	.225	.228	.238	.199	.213	.242	.220	.219	.242
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, lb.	.300	.351	.339	.398	.307	.367	.330	.351	.261	.319
Celery, lb.	.339	.347	.337	.374	.354	.357	.375	.390	.305	.292
Corn on the cob, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	.466	NA	.439	.504	NA	NA
Cucumbers, lb.	.441	.411	.454	.402	.392	.412	.451	.394	.492	.437
Mushrooms, lb.	1.876	1.712	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.286	1.994
Onions, dry yellow, lb.	.242	.233	.255	.241	.224	.196	.262	.279	.221	.211
Onions, green (scallions), lb.	1.318	1.253	NA	NA	1.371	1.314	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, lb.	.818	.774	.791	.705	.926	.853	.781	.787	.705	.763
Radishes, lb.	.643	.699	.683	.719	.633	.741	.700	.818	.606	.589
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12oz. can, 16oz.	1.434	1.410	1.493	1.478	1.380	1.360	1.396	1.378	1.534	1.486
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, lb.	.616	.622	NA	NA	.649	.655	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole, lb.	.539	.540	NA	NA	.544	.547	.546	.549	.525	.525
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Hard candy, solid, lb.	1.820	1.933	1.865	2.126	1.555	1.559	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugar, white, all sizes, lb.	.355	.352	.383	.384	.339	.333	.351	.351	.353	.349
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, lb.	.342	.341	.363	.369	.341	.335	.336	.337	.321	.315
Jelly, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, stick, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, vegetable oil blends, soft, tubs, lb.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, lb.	.784	.798	.851	.873	.770	.768	.746	.749	.783	.783
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 6 or 8 pk, 16oz.	.277	.268	.262	NA	.269	.261	.286	.286	.299	.274
Cola, nondiet, returnable bottles, 24-40 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola nondiet, cans, 72oz. 6 pk, 16oz.	.476	.467	.475	.478	.493	.471	.484	.486	.452	.432
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, lb.	2.481	2.501	2.502	2.513	2.445	2.486	2.518	2.527	2.475	2.467
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, lb.	2.533	2.538	2.475	2.484	2.645	2.638	2.471	2.495	2.527	2.518
Coffee, instant, plain, 3.1-6 oz, 16oz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, 9.1-14 oz, 16oz.	6.673	6.750	NA	NA	6.745	6.741	6.439	6.501	NA	NA
Coffee, freeze dried, plain, 3.1-9 oz, 16oz.	10.548	10.508	NA	NA	10.557	10.534	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, 16oz.	2.388	2.395	2.383	2.438	2.340	2.348	2.346	2.378	2.561	2.418
Pork and beans, canned, 16oz.	.431	.433	NA	NA	.437	.432	.405	.414	.457	.457

1/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
NA/ Data not available for publication.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Beginning in February 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued revised Consumer Price Indexes. The Bureau's previous report on fuel and utility prices and indexes, as well as that for average food prices (Estimated Retail Food Prices by City), were compiled from the unrevised CPI and were discontinued in June 1978. Due to changes in compilation methods, the price data published in this report are not strictly comparable with those from the unrevised CPI-W. Average prices are best used to measure the price level in a particular month, not to measure price change over time. To measure change over time, the Consumer Price Index and its component indexes for individual items are more appropriate.

Energy

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 28 large urban areas and 16 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average price not available. NA will also appear if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices, except for electricity, are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Electricity prices are collected monthly on mail questionnaires by the Department of Energy for BLS. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Natural gas and electricity: Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table 2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas and for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table 1) are calculated for this energy release from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, to provide data for place-to-place price comparisons, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

Fuel oil: Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a per gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

Gasoline: Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follow, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).
1 kwh = 3,412 BTU's (Edison Electric Institute)
1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU's (U. S. Department of Energy).

Food

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. In comparison, unrevised CPI-W average food prices were estimated by the movement of the CPI. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped, however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted, however, that the average food prices in this release reflect variations in brand, quality and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the United States city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA will appear--average prices not available. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price will not be published and NA will appear for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from BLS Regional Offices or from the Washington Office upon request.

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